

The Holy Family Institute

The Holy Family Institute (HFI) is the first Vatican-approved Secular Institute of Consecrated Life for Catholic married and engaged couples and the widowed (cf. Canon 710). The HFI is one of the greatest gifts that God has given to the Church in our time since He sanctified the married state by His presence at Cana.

The HFI consists of Catholic spouses and the widowed and it is a Work of the Society of St. Paul (SSP) to which the Institute is aggregated. The goal of the HFI is the sanctification of marriage and family life by accepting the gift of the vows of *married* chastity, poverty, and obedience and being a witness to the Gospel in the environment members live and work in: family, workplace, church community, and the secular society.

"Secularity" is the condition of the members in the sense that they aspire to evangelical perfection in the world *according to their state* and that they carry out the apostolate "as they work from within earthly realities." Through a special grace members understand more than others the gift to the Church of a marriage lived in holiness in today's world, which is in desperate need to be restored to God's plan for the family.

Although there are many good family movements in the Church, the HFI is *not* simply a movement of good-living Catholics or a group of prayerful families where you feel at home. It is much more: an Institute of consecrated spouses, bearers of a particular grace of the Holy Spirit, who wish to give a constantly more committed, transparent, and free Christian witness.

The apostolate of the Institute is indispensable today: *saving the family through families!* It can be rightly said that, if the Institute did not exist, we would have to found it!

"GOD WISHED TO RESTORE ALL THINGS in Jesus Christ and He decreed that Jesus should begin his work presenting to all families a perfect model in the Family of Nazareth. In the Holy Family, fathers, mothers and children can find divine lessons of patience, chastity, filial love and the example of hard work. In that situation Jesus lived, worked, and prayed for many years and so the work of restoration began from the family."

- Blessed James Alberione, SSP, Founder of the Pauline Family

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