

ON THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

We offer counseling in ten languages:

- English
- Spanish
- French
- Czech
- Swedish
- Congolese
- Vietnamese
- Chinese Mandarin
- Chinese Cantonese
- Korean

Is your marriage what you want it to be? Are you struggling to express your need for your spouse? Are your children suffering from your lack of communication with your partner? Has your spouse left you emotionally? Have you tried to solve problems like these and found you could not do it alone? This need has given rise to the Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network: staffs of competently prepared and professionally skilled counselors and therapists whose training and interest is in dealing with these questions and areas of growth in family living.

The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network is a response, then, to a need within families to value the quality of intra-family relationships. To want to value one's spouse and family members is often quite different from actually performing in a way that effectually expresses such value. We find that new skills are often needed and old obstacles to growth must be understood and worked through before effective human relating can be realized.

The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network provides marriage counseling, individual counseling, family counseling, and group counseling for married couples as means to realizing this desired sense of value.

These staffs are a professional team resource. We meet for case consultations, provide a stimulating professional milieu, and call upon other professionals in the fields of psychiatry, family law, moral and ethical questions, clinical psychology, and spirituality for frequent consultations. This provides a community of interested experts working as a staff our experience shows that talking out one's inner feelings within the counseling process is necessary and an effective way to deal with many personal and interpersonal problems. Out of our training we see this process of counseling to be a normal way to deal with the complicated stress that the modern world brings to bear on contemporary family life together to serve the family as such a task warrants and demands.

These staffs are made up of competent counselors and therapists who are Catholic in religious orientation perceiving marriage as a sacrament. We perceive that in relating to one another we relate to Christ as Christ said, "If you give to these sisters and brothers of mine you give to Me." [Matthew 25:40] In saying this Christ is defining and identifying prayer as every movement we make to be our true selves and every movement we make to share ourselves with one another. This means that every stride an individual makes in therapy to be themselves and share themselves is a movement toward God... a raising of one's heart and mind... one's self... to God. It is our opinion, then, that this counseling process is a movement toward God and as such functions as an extension of the ascetical practice of the examination of consciousness. We consider this to be the context, the underpinnings, and the ambiance of the therapeutic work we do.

We serve a wide range of age groups, races, and socio-economic and educational backgrounds reflecting the rich variety of families. We serve a variety of problems arising between husband and wife and within the family, from everyday life stress to more long term relational and interpersonal difficulties. We continue to be available to serve you.

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