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# **World Meeting of Families 2018**

The World Meeting of Families Congress is a gathering of the Catholic Church that has occurred every three years since St. John Paul II started them in 1994. It is organized by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, which "promotes the pastoral care of families, protects their rights and dignity in the Church and in civil society, so that they may ever be more able to fulfill their duties."

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The most recent meeting took place in Philadelphia and the next meeting is scheduled to take place in Dublin, Ireland, from 21 to 26 August 2018.

Since Pope John Paul II founded these meetings in 1992, proclaiming that "the future of humanity is forged in the family", this event has been held in different cities around the world with the aim of serving as a beacon for Christian families, to generate a space for coexistence, workshops and enrichment to face the new challenges offered by an increasingly complex society.

The World Meeting of Families is, therefore, a unique and transformative opportunity to grow together in the faith surrounded by a festive and cosmopolitan

atmosphere, to teach the little ones the joy of sharing the values intrinsic to human beings and that they will find in people arriving from very distant lands to their homes.

Under the title "*The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*", this meeting will be held in the historic and attractive city of Dublin, from August 21<sup>st</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In this multitudinous Catholic event, you will reflect on the ideas that Pope Francis had in his last document "*Amoris Laetitia*", where marriage and family are treated from a human perspective that is based on "three key words: permission, thanks and forgiveness".

Participants will also have an opportunity to tour the main tourist sites in Ireland, courtesy of the agency Loving Ireland ([www.lovingireland.com](http://www.lovingireland.com)) who offer special packages to attend the "World

Meeting of Families 2018" and participate in this important event with your family and friends. For all those interested, they can complete your stay with guided tours and excursions to the main attractions and organize guided tours in the chosen language.

***"Join the World Meeting of Families and share your faith with Pope Francis"***

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