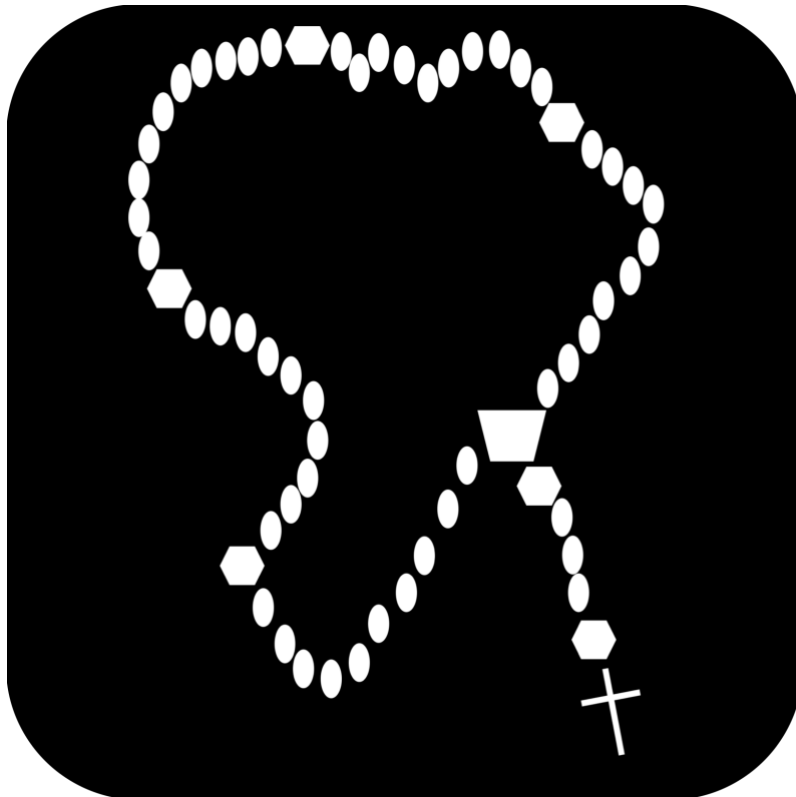


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What is the Catholic Jamboree?

The Catholic Jamboree is a short-term (3-5 sessions, depending on theme) program on a specific facet of the Catholic faith. It is intended to be offered as a parish event both to enhance the catechetical formation of Catholics and to facilitate outreach to the surrounding community. It includes age-appropriate activities for ages 4-adult.

What is the theme of this edition of the Catholic Jamboree?

The 2020 edition of the Jamboree is called *Roamin' Through the Rosary*. It uses the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary to give participants an overview of the life of Jesus and the early Church while helping them become familiar with the prayers of the Rosary. In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year's Jamboree is an Emergency Home Edition, in which the majority or all activities can be conducted in participants' homes.

Is the Catholic Jamboree a VBS alternative?

Because the Catholic Jamboree includes a track called "Crafty Kids" for children at the usual age for Vacation Bible School (grades 1-4) and because Scripture is an integral part of the Jamboree, it can be considered a "VBS program" or a "VBS alternative." However, it also includes age tracks not normally served by a typical VBS program. Preschoolers (age 4-grade 1) have activities similar to those of the Crafty Kids but adapted for their level. Grades 4-7 have a "sports camp," in which sports drills are used to teach lessons surrounding the theme. Grades 7-12 have a "Teen Reflecting Pool," in which a talk on each session's topic is followed by structured activities for journaling and group discussion. Age 18 and up, the "Grown-Ups in Growth," follow each session's talk with more open-ended journal and discussion questions.

Why do the age ranges for the different tracks overlap? Is that a mistake?

The overlap between age tracks is not a mistake! It is an intentional feature of the Jamboree which provides built-in flexibility to allow participants to experience the activities that best suit their maturity and interests.

Is the Jamboree a "Catholic version" of a program originally created for a non-Catholic faith community?

Absolutely not! The Catholic Jamboree is a "Catholic from scratch" program, designed beginning to end with Catholic communities in mind. All materials have been reviewed to ensure their consistency with Catholic doctrine, and carry an Imprimatur from the bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, in which Epiclesis Press is located.

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Besides VBS, what other types of parish events can the Catholic Jamboree be used to hold?

It is up to each parish to decide how to “brand” their rendition of the Jamboree. Some of this will depend on how you choose to schedule the sessions. You could, for example, structure the Jamboree on more of a retreat or parish mission model. Of course, you can choose to call any of these events a “Catholic Jamboree.” You could also choose to offer only one or some of the age tracks, or to offer the different age tracks as separate events. The Planning Manual will provide more detailed suggestions.

Can the Catholic Jamboree be used by non-Catholics?

Each Catholic parish may choose whether or not to invite local non-Catholics to participate in the Jamboree, making them aware of the fact that this event will communicate Catholic teaching so that those invited can make an informed choice of whether to attend. Your parish’s choice in this matter will depend on your purpose in holding the event. As for whether a non-Catholic congregation can use the Catholic Jamboree as the basis for a program at their church, that is up to each non-Catholic community to decide, and may be different for different editions of the Jamboree, depending on the theme. For example, some non-Catholic communities may feel uncomfortable with the 2020 edition’s emphasis on the Rosary, but may still find many of the activities useful as an overview of the life of Jesus. It may even promote greater understanding between different groups of Christians.

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How is the Emergency Home Edition different from a typical Catholic Jamboree?

The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 forced many parishes to cancel the programs they had planned, and the Jamboree was therefore reworked to offer an option: A program whose activities could be conducted primarily or entirely in participants' homes, while still being a parish event. Each household participating in the Jamboree receives their own copy, either physical or electronic, of the Home Guide, which provides instructions for the activities for all age tracks. Each session ends with a communal "Roamin' Rosary," the praying of the Rosary while walking between different "stations" for the five Mysteries being prayed. Parishes may offer this event in person if they can do so safely, or may choose to offer it by live stream, or, if necessary, to instruct participants to hold it in their homes along with all who live in their household.

Do we have to buy a separate copy of the Home Guide for every participating household (or require each household buy their own copy)?

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How can we provide the Printable Resources to households that have a computer or mobile device to read the ebooks but do not have a printer?

It is suggested that the parish provide a “supply kit” to each participating household, with this kit at minimum including physical printouts of the Printable Resources (on paper or card stock). Even if you choose to provide households with their own copy of the Printable Resources ebooks, it is best to be prepared to print physical copies for any households who lack a printer. If absolutely necessary, however, you can suggest that households without a printer copy the Printable Resources ebooks onto a USB drive which they may be able to bring to an office supply store, copy shop, or public library to have printed.

How can we provide the Home Guide ebook and the printable resources to households that do not have internet access or a device on which to read the pdf files?

Although the Home Guide is likely to be more convenient and less intimidating if used in electronic form on a computer or mobile device, the terms of the license agreement permit the parish to print physical copies if necessary or desired.

Do we need to buy any physical supplies if we are holding a Home Jamboree instead of an in-person event?

The Planning Manual includes a Lightspeed Start Guide for parishes that wish to get the program up and running quickly with minimal preparation. Part of the way this is done is to shift such prep work as obtaining supplies to the participating households. This is not ideal, but may be the right choice for some parishes. A better option, if possible, is to prepare a supply kit for each participating household. This kit can include as much or as little as the parish has the resources to provide, whether through purchasing or donations. It is recommended that the supply kit at least include physical printouts of the Printable Resources, if at all possible. The Planning Manual includes a Supplies Checklist of those items which households are least likely to have on hand already.

Can we use the Emergency Home Edition to help us put on an in-person event instead of a Home Jamboree?

If your community can safely do so, then you may certainly use the activities to put on a more conventional in-person program. In that case, the Home Guide would be

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provided only to the team members conducting the activities rather than to each participating household. The Planning Manual includes a section of suggestions for adapting the materials to an in-person setting.

Can we use the Jamboree materials “right out of the box” to put on a program with little preparation?

Yes. The Planning Manual includes a Lightspeed Start Guide, which may be seen in the preview packet. This method amounts to sending the ebooks for the Home Guide, Printable Resources, and Video List to the desired addresses on the parish’s email list. Note that this will restrict participation to households that have opted in to the parish email list and have the means to print the Printable Resources. The closer you can get to the higher level of parish preparation laid out in the Quick Start Guide (as opposed to the Lightspeed Start Guide), the easier it will be for households to participate.

Can we make the Jamboree more clearly an event of our specific community?

Certainly! The Planning Manual includes a section of suggestions for ways you may choose to enhance your rendition of the Jamboree to make it truly your own.

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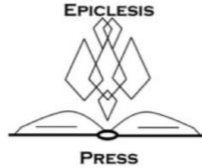
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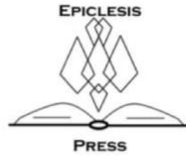
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Tiny Mighties	Age 4-Grade 1	Video: Story Time Craft Corner Create-a-Snack Games to Remember Roamin' Rosary
Crafty Kids	Grade 1-4	Video: Story Time Craft Corner Create-a-Snack Games to Remember Roamin' Rosary
Sports Camp Heroes	Grade 4-7	<u>For each of five Mysteries:</u> Video: Thoughts on the Mystery Sports Drill (Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Needs-More-Work, Hero's Favorit Huddle Time Pray One Decade <u>At end:</u> Roamin' Rosary
Teen Reflecting Pool	Grade 7-12	Video: Scripture and the Reflecting Pool Journal Time Sharing Game Roamin' Rosary
Grown-Ups in Growth	Age 18 and up	Video: Scripture and Mission Talk Journal Time Discussion Roamin' Rosary

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Day 1: <i>Joyful Mysteries</i> <i>Saying YES! to God</i> VOCATION				Day 2: <i>Luminous Mysteries</i> <i>Powerful Changes</i> INITIATION				
Group	Story Time	Craft Corner	Create-a-Snack	Games to Remember	Story Time	Craft Corner	Create-a-Snack	Games to Remember
Tiny Mighties	An Angel's Call	Rosary T-shirt	Nativity Cookies	Round the Rosary	Water into Wine	Rolled Flat Rosary	Decade Sandwich	Pairs of Prayers
Crafty Kids	An Angel's Call	Rosary T-shirt	Nativity Cookies	Round the Rosary	Water into Wine	Coiled Marble Rosary Plate	Decade Sandwich	Rosary Mystery Word Search

Day 3: <i>Sorrowful Mysteries</i> <i>Letting Go for Others</i> EVANGELIZATION				Day 4: <i>Glorious Mysteries</i> <i>Reaching for Eternal Life</i> SALVATION				
Group	Story Time	Craft Corner	Create-a-Snack	Games to Remember	Story Time	Craft Corner	Create-a-Snack	Games to Remember
Tiny Mighties	Not My Will	Color Cross	Cake Mix Peanut Butter Cross	Keys in the Hand	Tongues of Fire	Color Rosary	Fluttering Flame	Say What?
Crafty Kids	Not My Will	Braided Cross	Cake Mix Peanut Butter Cross	Fishing for Prayers	Tongues of Fire	Knotted Rosary	Fluttering Flame	A Jig and a Saw

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From the Planning Manual: What is the Catholic Jamboree?

The Catholic Jamboree is a short-term program intended to help Catholics to grow in their faith as Christians and to encourage them to make that faith an important part of their lives. It may also be used by those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and by other Christians who are comfortable with the Catholic perspective on the program's doctrinal content.

The Catholic Jamboree is a "Catholic from scratch" resource. That is, it was designed from the start in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church primarily for use within Catholic parishes. It is not a "Catholic version" of a program originally designed for a different faith community.

It has been specifically designed in a way that makes possible a lower price point than many available resources in order to make it accessible to low-income communities and low-budget parish departments. In order to maintain this affordable price point, it is critically important that all communities who purchase the Jamboree adhere to the terms and conditions of the license. If someone at another parish or diocese expresses an interest in the Jamboree, please do not share copies (physical or electronic) of your licensed files with them, but refer them to www.EpiclesisPress.com to purchase a license for their own community. The Jamboree's creator, Trish O'Connor, initially created the Jamboree while working within a low-income community, and would find it heartbreaking if "bootleg" copies forced a pricing model that would leave low-income parishes without access.

Each Catholic Jamboree focuses on a specific facet of Catholic life. Each track offers age-appropriate activities to help participants learn more about this theme and incorporate it more deeply into their lives. It is not intended as an exhaustive presentation of everything there is to know about its topic, but as one small part of participants' overall formation as Christians, and specifically as Catholic Christians.

The Jamboree provides a variety of activities appropriate for age levels from preschool through adult. Some of these components, taken individually, may remind you of other parish programs you have experienced, such as Vacation Bible School, youth camps, retreats, and missions. Your parish may choose to use only some of the components, or to use them at different times as separate programs. However, the Jamboree is most effective as an integrated program that weaves related catechetical themes throughout the different age tracks simultaneously in order to enrich the spiritual life of the entire household. (The word "household" is more inclusive than "family," which is often seen as meaning parents and their minor children rather than childless adults.)

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The choice of which parts of the program to use at which times is not the only way in which the Catholic Jamboree has been designed to offer your parish significant built-in flexibility to meet your community's specific needs. Some other examples:

- The different age tracks of the Jamboree (some designated by age, others by the grade level the participant is currently attending or is about to enter in school) intentionally overlap. This allows you to easily adapt to a specific participant's maturity, abilities and interest:
 - Tiny Mighties: four-year-olds through first graders (stories, creative snacks, crafts, and memory games)
 - Crafty Kids: first graders through fourth graders (same components as Tiny Mighties, but at a somewhat more advanced level)
 - Sports Camp Heroes: fourth graders through seventh graders (sports drills tied to catechetical content related to the program theme)
 - Teen Reflecting Pool: seventh graders through high school (presentations on the theme followed by private journal exercises and a group sharing game)
 - Grown-Ups in Growth: eighteen-year-olds and up (mission-style talks on the theme followed by time for private journaling and group discussion)
- The Jamboree does not have a fixed schedule to which all parishes must adhere. While as a short-term program, it is intended to be completed within a relatively short period of time, different communities may choose to schedule it differently, depending on what model of parish program they have found their parishioners respond best to. For example:
 - VBS model: Ordinarily, Vacation Bible School is conducted on a series of consecutive days, for about 2 ½ hours each day. The activities for the Tiny Mighties and Crafty Kids can be considered a "VBS alternative," but the other tracks could also be done on this model.
 - Retreat Model: For an intensive experience, the entire program could be conducted over the course of an entire single day. It could even be done as an overnight retreat, especially for only one of the age tracks at a time, or, if providing all age tracks simultaneously, with households staying together in their overnight accommodations.
 - Parish Mission Model: One session per week, 1 ½-2 hours, such as on a weekday evening.
 - Supplemental Resource Model: Some components may be used as supplemental resources with various parish faith formation programs, such as weekly Religious Education, the full-time school, children's Liturgy of the Word, youth ministry, and adult Bible study. Particular activities can be chosen from the Jamboree to flesh out related lessons in the normal curriculum of these programs. (NOTE: The terms of the license must still be followed, including expiration date.)

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- Home Jamboree Model: Although this option was first built into the Jamboree in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020, parishes may choose to make a home-based schedule available either for all participants or for those with specific difficulties in attending group activities. A recommended schedule for this model consists of a communal activity (either in person or by live stream, if necessary) every few days over a two-week period so that busy families with multiple age groups in the same household have time to complete the activities for each age track before joining in each communal event. For more details on a scheduled Home Jamboree schedule, see the following section on this specific edition of the Catholic Jamboree.
- Although you will probably want to mention the title/theme of the specific edition of the Jamboree you are using, you may select a general name for your parish's rendition of the Jamboree based on the particular schedule you have chosen. "Catholic Daylight Jamboree," for example, may be used if activities are scheduled during daytime hours, and "Catholic Moonlight Jamboree" if during the evening, and "Catholic Home Jamboree" for the home-based version. Of course, simply "Catholic Jamboree" could be used with any schedule. You may also choose to use a name with which your community is already familiar and which you believe fits both your chosen schedule and the part(s) of the Jamboree you have chosen to use, such as "VBS," "Parish Mission," or "Youth Retreat."
- You may choose to use the materials included in the Catholic Jamboree "right out of the box" (especially if you are under a time crunch), or may choose to give your parish's rendition of the program a unique flavor. This manual includes a section on suggested ways of enhancing your rendition of the Jamboree.

Whether done in daytime or evening, at church or at home, the Catholic Jamboree is intended to be a fun event that parishioners and other interested members of your community can enjoy and look forward to attending again. It's also meant to stretch them so they can grow in their faith and in their living out of that faith.

Have a great Jamboree!

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NOTE: These steps can be completed with a lead time as brief as four weeks. If you would like to hold your parish's Catholic Home Jamboree even sooner, see the "LIGHTSPEED Start Guide."

If you have decided to offer this year's Jamboree as a home-based event, then most likely your community is facing a non-ideal situation, such as the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 and the accompanying restrictions on in-person gatherings. Long-laid plans for day camps, Vacation Bible School, parish missions and retreats may have had to be scrapped, so you are now "playing catch-up" as you scramble to offer your community a short-term program for catechetical enrichment. This Quick Start Guide will help you to get your parish's rendition of the Catholic Jamboree up and running within a reasonable period of time (about a month) while still attending to a few details that may significantly increase your likely level of participation over a "lightspeed" approach:

Up to 5 Weeks Before Jamboree:

1. Pastor reads this Planning Manual, and at least skims the Home Guide.

4-5 Weeks Before Jamboree:

2. Pastor chooses a Jamboree Program Director. This person will directly oversee the execution of all components of the program from preparation through follow-up after the conclusion of the event and will be responsible for dividing up tasks and providing guidance and support as needed. Because this person will also be the point of contact for participants who may require guidance in conducting the home-based activities, it is best if (s)he is a person on the parish staff with a background in catechetical ministry whose usual duties involve overseeing at least some parish formation programs. For example, the Director of Religious Education may be the logical choice in many parishes.
3. Meeting between pastor and Jamboree Program Director, either in person or via phone or internet. Some decisions to be made (even if only tentatively at this stage):
 - Whether to conduct the Jamboree as a home-based or in-person event
 - Whether to follow this Quick Start Guide, the Lightspeed Start Guide, or some compromise between the two methods

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- A schedule for the Jamboree, including preparatory stages (See “What is the Catholic Jamboree” section for suggested models for the event.)
NOTE: Your chosen schedule may affect the name by which you choose to refer to the program.
 - A general name for the event (that you could use every year, regardless of topic)
 - Your license includes the right to use such terms as “Catholic Jamboree” or “Catholic Home Jamboree.”
 - If you feel that your community may respond better to a descriptive term with which they are more familiar, you may choose a name that fits the schedule model you have chosen, such as “VBS,” “retreat,” or “parish mission.”
 - A specific name for this year’s program
 - Your license includes the right to use the title *Roamin’ Through the Rosary*.
 - You may choose another title that you feel will accurately describe it and will be attractive to your community.
 - For example, if you have decided to refer to the program generically as “the parish mission,” you may want to call this particular program simply “the Rosary Mission.”
 - Whom to involve in the coming meeting of staff members, such as
 - School principal
 - Director of Religious Education
 - Adult Faith Formation Director
 - Associate pastor(s) and pastoral associate(s)
 - Deacon(s)
 - Youth director
 - Music director
 - Sacristan
 - Parish secretary
 - Custodian
 - NOTE: Especially because of the topic of this year’s Jamboree, you may want to include the head of the parish Rosary Society.
 - ALSO NOTE: If your parish operates with a formal sense of structure, you may want to call this the “Jamboree planning committee,” the “Parish Jamboree team,” or some other suitable term, but it is not really necessary to give this group a name.
4. Invite all who are to be included in the coming staff meeting and distribute to them copies of the Jamboree files to review in advance. (NOTE: This invitation should ideally be issued jointly by the pastor and the Jamboree Program Director.) Try to give a full week’s notice to allow all staff adequate time to study the materials and think of ways their specific skills might allow them to contribute to a fuller experience of the Jamboree.

3-4 Weeks Before Jamboree:

5. Meeting of pastor, Program Director, and staff invited above. To accomplish at this meeting:
 - Make definitive decisions on any matters that were decided tentatively between the pastor and Program Director.
 - Brainstorm for ways of enhancing your parish's rendition of the Jamboree. (See the "Enhancing Roamin' Through the Rosary" section for suggestions.)
 - List the tasks that will be necessary (for example, comparing multiple email lists to delete duplicates, sending press releases to local media, packing participant "kits," etc.) and decide who will be responsible for each task.

3 Weeks Before Jamboree:

6. Write a registration form and decide how to make it available to participants. (NOTE: Although your license does not permit you to distribute the Jamboree files by making them available for download by all visitors to a website, you may choose to conduct registration using a Contact form on your parish site.)
 - This form should at minimum include
 - Name of person filling out form
 - Statement that this person is at least 18 years old
 - Street address of household
 - Best telephone number to contact if necessary
 - Best email address for Jamboree communication
 - For each member of the household who will be participating in Jamboree activities:
 - ◇ Name
 - ◇ Age
 - ◇ Grade Level currently in or about to enter in school (if applicable)
 - ◇ Intended age track for activities (Tiny Mighties, Crafty Kids, Sports Camp Heroes, Teen Reflecting Pool, Grown-Ups in Growth)
 - ◇ For Sports Camp participants: statement that this person's health allows them to participate safely in sports

Liability waiver agreeing to hold harmless your parish, your diocese, Epiclesis Press, and Epiclesis Consulting LLC for any injuries sustained during Jamboree activities. (If your diocesan legal department requires a specific format for this waiver, you may use that, simply adding Epiclesis Press and Epiclesis Consulting LLC to it.)

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7. Begin obtaining supplies for participant kits (see next section, “Supplies Checklist for Roamin’ Through the Rosary”)

2-3 Weeks Before Jamboree:

8. Publicity and registration. Some methods of publicity to consider:
 - Banners or flyers posted or distributed within your parish territory (including your parish vestibule)
 - An announcement on your parish website and any parish social media pages/accounts
 - Press releases to local media and your diocesan newspaper
 - Emails to parishioners and/or specific groups within the parish (school parents, youth group parents, RCIA candidates, etc.)
 - Announcements during parish liturgies
 - Announcements in your parish bulletin

5-7 Days Before Jamboree:

9. Preparation of participant supply kits. (Suggested: Prepare a separate bag for each household with the supplies corresponding to all the age tracks they have registered.)

3-4 Days Before Jamboree:

10. Distribution of materials to registered participants.
 - Send email(s) to each registrant with Jamboree files attached. (NOTE: If you are including physical copies of the Printable Resources in the participant supply kits, you can just send one email attaching the Home Guide and Video List. If not including physical printouts, you may send another email attaching the two Printable Resource files)
 - Distribute supply kits. (You may choose to have volunteers deliver them, or have a set period of time when they are available for pick-up.)

During the Jamboree:

11. Conduct the Jamboree according to your chosen schedule. For the suggested three-week schedule (including supply distribution, as above):
 - Days 1-4: Home activities for Joyful Mysteries
 - Day 5: Communal Roamin’ Rosary, Joyful Mysteries
 - Days 6-9: Home activities for Luminous Mysteries
 - Day 10: Communal Roamin’ Rosary, Luminous Mysteries
 - Days 11-14: Home activities for Sorrowful Mysteries
 - Day 15: Communal Roamin’ Rosary, Sorrowful Mysteries
 - Days 16-19: Home activities for Glorious Mysteries
 - Day 20: Communal Roamin’ Rosary, Glorious Mysteries

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One week after the Jamboree:

12. Post-Jamboree follow-up email. (If you have decided to hold any follow-up event, either virtual or in-person, this email can invite participants to it. If not simply wish them continued growth in their life of prayer and remind them that any activities they were unable to complete before the Jamboree ended can be done at any time.)

May your Jamboree run smoothly from beginning to end!

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Ideally, the Jamboree would be conducted in person as a communal event, and if it proved necessary to conduct it at home, it would be conducted with at least the basic steps in the Quick Start Guide and if possible with some of the enhancements suggested in the following section.

However, circumstances are not always ideal! If your parish wants to begin the Catholic Home Jamboree within as little as a week of purchasing these materials, it can be done by following just these steps. No registration forms, no supply kits, just the basics!

1. The pastor and the Jamboree Program Director should confer to be certain this is the right option for their community at this time and to decide what audience will be invited to participate. This may be a combination of a few groups for which the parish already has email lists, such as households with children enrolled in the parish school or weekly Religious Education, youth group members, parish Bible study groups, the Rosary Society, last year's VBS attendees, RCIA candidates, etc. If you have an email list of all registered parishioners, this would also be an option. (Be aware that even if you choose to invite all registered parishioners, this will be more limited than the potential audience if you had been able to take even a week or two for a publicity campaign in the local community.)
2. Compile an email list for the desired audience (or separate email lists for different groups, if you would like to word the invitation differently depending on why the person is being invited) If possible, eliminate duplicates so that no email address receives identical emails.
3. Compose an email introducing the Jamboree and inviting the recipient to participate, along with anyone in his or her household.
 - This email should preferably come from the staff member whom the recipient is most likely to expect to hear from. For example, school families might respond best to an email from the principal, weekly program families to one from the DRE, RCIA candidates from the RCIA Director, etc. An all-parish email, however, should ideally come from the pastor.
 - The email should, if possible, be written by the person who signs it, so that it will be in his/her natural style of speech. It should include the following information:
 - A very brief description of what the Catholic Home Jamboree is and of the current topic, *Roamin' Through the Rosary*.

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- An invitation to participate by performing the activities at home using materials that will be attached to this and a coming email. (NOTE: It is best not to attach more than three files to a single email. It is recommended that you send each recipient two emails: One with the Home Guide and Video List and the other with the two Printable Resource files.)
 - A list of the four files to be sent:
 - ◇ Roamin' Through the Rosary Home Guide
 - ◇ Roamin' Through the Rosary Printable Paper Resources
 - ◇ Roamin' Through the Rosary Printable Card Stock Resources
 - ◇ Roamin' Through the Rosary Video List
 - A note to watch for the second email in order to receive all four files.
 - A suggestion to invite other members of the local community or close friends and relatives, even if outside your local area, who may be interested, and permission to share the files with them. (NOTE: Your license covers copies of the copyrighted material shared personally by members of your parish and your local community with close friends and relatives. It does NOT cover broader distribution to the general public, such as through directly through a website or social media, and violations may result in revocation of your license without refund. It is important for you to mention this restriction in the initial email.)
 - The dates for the period during which the parish recommends conducting the activities, including dates for the Roamin' Rosary. (NOTE: See the suggested schedule in the "What is *Roamin' Through the Rosary?*" section of this manual.)
 - Advice to create their own representations of each set of Mysteries in order to pray each Roamin' Rosary at home. (NOTE: If you are able to set up a communal Roamin' Rosary, give them this information instead.)
 - Contact information for the Program Director (even if that is not the person sending the email) and an invitation to contact them if they need guidance on any of the activities.
4. Send out brief follow-up emails at the following milestones:
- Scheduled start date for the Jamboree
 - Each of the four recommended dates for the Roamin' Rosary
 - One week after the conclusion of the Jamboree as a reminder that activities not yet completed can still be done at any time.

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Try to be realistic about the likely level of participation from this method, which may be lower than for a typical in-person short-term parish program. The people most likely to participate are those who are already highly engaged in their faith, can read well in English, feel reasonably comfortable with technology, and either have or have access to the internet and a printer. This may turn out to be a small percentage of your community, but for those people, it can be a valuable experience that will enrich their future prayer lives.

Even for those who do not choose to conduct the suggested activities, the Home Jamboree can give them an initial exposure to the program that may increase the likelihood that they will attend if you are later able to offer either *Roamin' Through the Rosary* or another edition of the Jamboree in an in-person format.

May the seeds you scatter bear fruit!

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From the Home Guide: Why are we doing this at HOME?

Under ideal circumstances, your family would be attending the Catholic Daylight Jamboree or the Catholic Moonlight Jamboree at your parish, together with your fellow parishioners and other interested members of your local community. However, as the current edition, *Roamin' Through the Rosary*, was being created, the entire world encountered a situation that was far from ideal, the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020. Terms like “social distancing” and “shelter at home” became part of everyday conversation, with many of those conversations conducted via electronic communication or from a six-foot distance, often through homemade face masks. It soon became clear that even if parishes were back to holding public liturgies by the usual time for summer programs, circumstances would make it next to impossible to make the massive communal preparations necessary to hold them in the usual way.

If you are receiving this Home Guide, that means that instead of a Catholic Daylight Jamboree or a Catholic Moonlight Jamboree, your parish has elected to offer a Catholic Home Jamboree. This is still very much a parish event. The Guide can help you do a number of activities in a home setting. Your Program Director will let you know about any additional resources and activities your parish is making available.

Unlike some parish programs, the Jamboree is not solely for children. You will find activities here that can help you to grow in your own appreciation of the Rosary, this year's topic. If you are sharing the Jamboree with children and if you have ever volunteered with a parish program like Vacation Bible School or weekly Religious Education, you will probably feel fairly comfortable conducting the activities with the children in your household and with highlighting for them the connection between the fun crafts, games, stories and snacks and the Rosary.

If, on the other hand, you have not played such roles in your parish before, you may feel a little overwhelmed as you look at the instructions contained in this Guide. It can seem at first glance as if there is so much to do! Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- First, BREATHE! If you face doing children's activities, remember, your role in the Catholic Home Jamboree is really not so different from the day to day role of every Catholic parent, grandparent, or godparent. Catechesis (education in the faith of the Church to help people become disciples of Christ) is the role of every Christian as we interact with the next generation of believers. This Guide is meant to be not a burden for you to bear, but a support to help you fulfill a responsibility you have always had.

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- Part of the reason that there seems to be “so much to do” is that this Home Guide offers activities for all age groups. If your household only includes people who fall into a couple of those age ranges, the only activities that need concern you are the ones that apply to those. Even if your family spans multiple age ranges, you can cut down on the complexity of your preparations and increase the communal interaction among your group of participants by making use of the Jamboree’s built-in flexibility and deliberate overlap of age ranges, themes and sometimes even specific activities between age tracks.
- When you read through the “What Participants Can Gain from This Activity” section of each set of instructions, do not see this a checklist of topics that you are expected to cover. It would be unrealistic to expect participants to learn everything listed over the course of a single activity that might take as little as fifteen or twenty minutes. Rather, see this section as a reminder of the activity’s ultimate purpose, and be on the lookout for opportunities to mention whatever little tidbits you can without going into full-blown “lecture mode.” You may not feel during any given activity that you are communicating very much religious content, but you will probably be pleasantly surprised by how much participants have learned by the time the Jamboree as a whole is over.
- Depending on the make-up of your household, you may not necessarily have to be the leader for every single activity, or to do all the preparations alone. If there are cookies to be baked the next day, would the kids like to help mix the cookie dough and put in the fridge overnight so it’s ready at Jamboree time? Are there spouses who can divide up some of the duties? Would a teenager like to help a younger child with their activities? Is a grandparent, godparent, or family friend able to join you? Divide responsibilities in a way that works for your family.
- Do not lose sight of the fact that, even though you are conducting most of the activities in your home, the Catholic Jamboree is a parish event. Your Program Director will let you know what other resources your parish is offering, and will be available for any help or guidance you may require. You will probably find that you feel most connected with the parish if you try to keep in synch with the parish’s suggested schedule, so that you will be covering the same topics as other families throughout your community.
- Remember that even if the Catholic Jamboree were being held in big groups on parish property with experienced catechists to lead the activities, it would be intended as only one small part of the overall formation of Christians of all ages. No short-term program can be expected to bear much fruit unless it is combined with regular ongoing religious education, participation in the Church’s liturgical and sacramental life, and, of course, a life of faith lived out at home and everywhere. Do not put too much weight on this one program’s shoulders, and you will find that you are not putting too much weight on your own shoulders, either.

Remember, the Catholic Jamboree is supposed to be fun for everyone. Let yourself have a great time!

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From the Home Guide: What is *Roamin' Through the Rosary?*

Roamin' Through the Rosary is an edition of the Catholic Jamboree whose theme is, naturally, the Rosary!

The physical rosary (with a small “r”) is a symbol of Catholicism that even many non-Catholics recognize on sight, but not everyone knows that the Rosary (with a capital “R”) is a centuries-old form of meditative prayer that turns the pray-er’s mind and heart toward the foundational events in our relationship with Jesus Christ. These events take us on a journey of imagination and sacred memory from the angel’s announcement of Jesus’ conception in Mary’s womb through His earthly life, death, resurrection and ascension back to heaven, all the way to the end of the first generation of Spirit-filled Christians as Mary took her place in heaven to pray for us. We reflect on twenty episodes during this journey as we recite familiar prayers that help us to filter out the distractions of daily life so we can focus our entire being on those important events, which are called the “Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.”

It can take a lifetime to develop a full appreciation of this traditional prayer, but even the longest journey must begin with a single step, and is carried out by one step at a time. *Roamin' Through the Rosary* provides participants with opportunities to take a few of those steps, whether through games and crafts, sports and Bible readings, or journaling and discussion. There is one session for each of the four sets of Rosary Mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious. Each of these sessions concludes with a “Roamin’ Rosary,” a communal prayer in which participants pray the Rosary together while walking through representations of the five Mysteries of that session’s set.

May everyone who attends *Roamin' Through the Rosary* at your parish grow in their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of this wonderful prayer!

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Sample Activity from Home Guide

Day 2: Tiny Mighties

Pairs of Prayers Matching Game

What Players Can Gain from Game: *(Some may already know some of these.)*

- Familiarity with the names of the prayers used in the Rosary
- General impressions of the focus of the prayers (based on the pictures that represent them on the cards)
- Knowledge of the titles of the prayers
- Awareness that memory is an important part of the Rosary
- Awareness that the Mysteries and the Rosary as a whole are prayers

Preparing to Play: *(Some steps may already be done for you.)*

- Decide in advance whether to give a small prize to the winner of the game, and if so, make sure the prize is prepared before you begin.
 - For this game, have extra prizes available in case of a tie.
- Print pages 9-11 of the Roamin' Through Rosary Games for Card Stock File.
 - For best results, print on 8.5"X11" (letter size) card stock.
 - However, if card stock is not available or if your printer will not print on card stock, you may use ordinary letter size paper.
- Carefully cut along the dotted lines. Discard the two blank cards.

Playing the Game:

- The object of the game is to find the most pairs of matching cards.
- To decide who goes first:
 - Shuffle the cards and deal them face up one by one to all players.
 - The first player to receive a card with a picture of the rosary goes first.
 - After the first player, play rotates counterclockwise, that is, to the right.
- Reshuffle and place them face down in four rows of four cards each.
- Each player's turn:
 - Player flips over any two cards still on the table, leaving them in their places for the moment.
 - The leader reads the title of each card out loud as it is turned up.
 - Encourage players to say the titles themselves as they learn them.
 - If the two cards match, then the player picks up both cards.
 - If the cards do not match, then the player turns them face down again in their original positions.
 - Play then passes to the next player, until all cards have been picked up.
- The player who has matched the most pairs wins!

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From the Home Guide: Grown-Ups in Growth Activities for Ages 18 and Up

What Participants Can Gain from These Activities: *(Some may already know some of these.)*

- Knowledge of the prayers of the Rosary
- Reflection on the Mysteries of the Rosary as events in earthly life of Jesus and the early Church
- Reflection on the meaning of the Mysteries of the Rosary in their own lives
- Encouragement to pray the Rosary more frequently, whether alone, with the family, or in other groups
- Desire to incorporate regular prayer of the Rosary into the life of the household

Preparation: *(Some steps may already be done for you.)*

- Print pages 10-13 in the “Roamin’ Through the Rosary Printable Paper Resources” file. These sheets may be printed on ordinary 8.5”X11” paper.

Activities for Each Day:

- On the Video List (provided separately), find the link to the video for the current session of *Roamin’ Through the Rosary*.
- After watching the video, take a few minutes to write in response to the journal question given on the day’s sheet.
- Together with your discussion group (whether in person or through videoconference), discuss the discussion question given for the day.
 - You need not limit your discussion to the specific question. Let the question be a springboard for dialogue on all your reflections in response to the activities of that session of the Jamboree, including activities you may have helped conduct with family members in other age tracks.
- Make note of any questions that arise, for which your parish staff may be able to help, from logistical questions like “How can I volunteer to lead the Rosary before Mass?” or “Where is a good place to buy a rosary?” to doctrinal, theological, or pastoral questions. Your Program Director is a good starting point to ask these questions, and may refer you for more guidance to the pastor or another member of the parish staff.
- Together with other members of your household, conclude each session with a “Roamin’ Rosary,” a communal prayer in which participants pray the Rosary together while walking through representations of the five Mysteries of that session’s set, either at home or at a place set up by your parish.

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Hail Mary



Hail Mary



Glory be



Glory be



Oh my Jesus



Oh my Jesus



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>Give one example of a way someone your age might say “Yes” to God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>As you listened to the talk, what was something that surprised you?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>What is one thing the speaker said in the talk that you think you will still remember tomorrow?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>What is one thing you believe God has done that some people would consider “impossible”?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>About how often do you pray the Rosary?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>Share one thing that you wrote in response to the reflection questions for today.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>How do you think prayer can help a person follow their vocation?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joyful</i></p> <p>Name one thing that makes you feel joyful.</p>

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**Sample from
Paper Printable Resources:
Grown-Ups in Growth
Day 3:
Reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries**

For Private Reflection: If you keep a journal, you may write this question and your response there instead of on this sheet.

Describe a situation in your own life that particularly makes you identify with one of the Sorrowful Mysteries.

For Group Discussion:

What do the Sorrowful Mysteries have to say to us as a parish community?

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Sample from Video Links

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Roamin' Through the Rosary **Video List (for Preview)**

Story Time for Tiny Mighties and Crafty Kids

Day 1: Joyful Mysteries

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Day 2: Luminous Mysteries

<https://youtu.be/MYy5YuPP8jg>

Day 3: Sorrowful Mysteries

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Day 4: Glorious Mysteries

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Drills and Reflections for Sports Camp Heroes

Day 1: Joyful Mysteries

https://youtu.be/utFqbP_4pJM

Day 2: Luminous Mysteries

NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIEW

Day 3: Sorrowful Mysteries

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Day 4: Glorious Mysteries

NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIEW

Talks for Teen Reflecting Pool and Grown-Ups in Growth

Day 1: Joyful Mysteries

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Day 2: Luminous Mysteries

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Day 3: Sorrowful Mysteries

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Day 4: Glorious Mysteries

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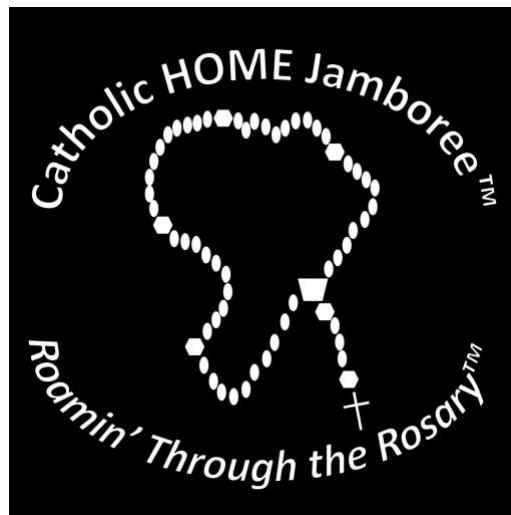
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