

The history  
of mankind,  
the history  
of salvation  
passes by  
way of the  
family

—Pope John Paul II

Catalyst Complex, Inc.

A catalyst for the healing & restoration of families



### The White Rainbow at Kettle River

Rainbows are good signs and the Lord has blessed you to be able to see a white rainbow. There must be very special blessings being poured out for you or will be soon.

—Fr. Mario Lopez, O. Carm.

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The family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love.

Pope John Paul II  
Letter to Families, 1994



# From our Board



Our mission is to propagate Catholic teaching on faith and morals within the Marian dimension of Pope John Paul II's *New Evangelization of the World* by proclaiming the Good News, the Gospel of Life and the Gospel of the Family to all peoples worldwide.

With uncompromised fidelity to the magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church, we are committed to creating and distributing new spiritual resources to (1) strengthen marriages and families, (2) foster the healing and restoration of troubled marriages and families, and (3) pass on the tenets of the Catholic Faith in innovative and interesting ways.

In 1996, we were entrusted with the care of land in Kettle River, Minnesota that had been earmarked for use in the *New Evangelization*. And so we have maintained the property to support our efforts in the evangelization of the family while remaining obedient to a March 27, 1992 directive from the Bishop of Duluth that no chapel is to be constructed on the site. Because our world is in a moral free fall and changing so rapidly, we envision the future possibility of donating some or all of the land to the Catholic Church for the purpose of caring for the extraordinary spiritual needs of a suffering humanity.

The family is the fundamental cell of society

# Our History

Catalyst Complex, Inc. (Catalyst) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in the State of Colorado on September 16, 1969 and later licensed to do business in Minnesota on November 26, 1996.



## Colorado, 1969-1995

Catalyst's original mission was to develop and fund community service projects that would provide employment opportunities for poor people in the region. Not much else is known except that its activities ceased around 1993 and the corporation lay dormant until 1995.



## Arizona, 1995

An officer of Catalyst was on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City along with friends of Life Foundation from Phoenix, Arizona. During the trip, he offered to turn Catalyst over to Life Foundation since he had no further need of it. The offer was accepted, a new Board was elected and Catalyst's mission to distribute free Blessed Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe to end abortion in America relocated to Arizona.



## Minnesota, 1996 to present

In 1996, the Board of the Apostolate of Christian Renewal in Fillmore, California decided to divest itself of land it owned in Kettle River. After hearing about Catalyst, they made the donation. Catalyst then moved to Minnesota, reorganized the Board a second time, and expanded its mission on behalf of the family. Today, the fruits of that reorganization are a testament to the dedication, hard work and sacrificial self-giving love of its benefactors and volunteers.



The deMontfort Poorhouse (above) is a community center that has facilities to receive short-term guests who both support and participate in Catalyst's mission to the family. The facility has a spacious conference room and is also used to provide interim short-term housing to families who are called here to contribute to our apostolates.

# Our Footings

set on the Rock of Peter and the Roman Catholic Church

## The Eucharist Source and Summit of our Faith

For Catalyst benefactors and volunteers, the Eucharist is the central mystery of our faith which permeates and animates all that we do. Wholly integrated into the life of the Church and sacraments, we look to the Eucharist for our daily nourishment in the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass and in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Transformed by the Eucharist and the love of God the Father, we are bound together in communion as one family with the Church on earth, saints in heaven and souls in purgatory.

The Eucharist also plays a key role in our mission for the healing and restoration of marriages and families. The

Church explains, “The Eucharist develops the affective love proper to marriage in daily giving to one’s spouse and children, without forgetting and overlooking that ‘the celebration which gives meaning to every other form of prayer and worship is found in the family’s actual daily life together, if it is a life of love and self-giving” (Evangelium Vitae, 93) (Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, 41).

## Communitas Dei Patris

Many of our friends, benefactors and volunteers are either members of **Communitas Dei Patris** or are closely aligned with us because of their faithfulness in living Church teachings.

*Communitas Dei Patris* (Pronounced Cōm-ŭn-ē-tās Dā-ē Pā-trēs, Latin for **Families of God the Father**) is an association of faithful Catholics who draw their life-breath from the Church, in the Church, and with the Church by actively participating in her liturgical prayer and sacramental life under the guidance of the Blessed Mother.

And, like the early Church, we are a pilgrim people made up of families and individuals who support one another in living the fullness of the Catholic Faith as we journey

home to our heavenly Father. Members can be young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, single, or married with or without children, grandparents, priests, or religious.

It is precisely because of our like-mindedness in living the Faith that we are able to selflessly support and make sacrificial contributions to the work of the corporation.

We are also missionaries of the *New Evangelization* by introducing **Family Prayer Night Devotions**, **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**, and **Theology of the Body for Families and Single People** to our families, friends, parishes, and dioceses. Our entire **Covenant** for *Communitas Dei Patris* can be found on our **FamilyPrayerNight.org** website under the **About** tab.



# Family Prayer Night



Our **Family Prayer Night** apostolate actually began in 1990 and has been supported by Catalyst since 1996. It is a precise fulfillment of what Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother are asking of bishops, priests, deacons, religious and families through the magisterium of the Catholic Church. Prayer by the family, for the family and with family, at the parish level, is the key to the renewal and restoration of marriage, family life.

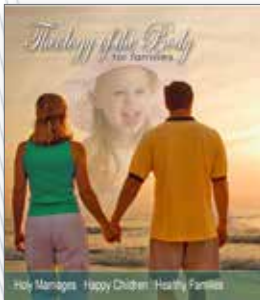
**Family Prayer Night Devotions** are weekly family friendly holy hours which usually consist of Eucharistic Adoration during which children and families share in leading the Rosary, singing beautiful

hymns to Our Lady, songs of adoration and worship of Our Lord, interceding for the needs of others and time for private, heartfelt adoration.

**Family Prayer Night Devotions** also establish a deeper sense of family, belonging and mission within the larger parish and provides the supernatural graces needed for the active promotion and defense of marriage and family life in apostolates. The devotion also serves as a powerful assistance to parents in carrying out the mission of the spiritual formation of their children in purity and holiness.

Through our **FamilyPrayerNight.org** website, we provide *free* resources which include the publication **How to Start Family Prayer Night** that has answers to common questions and concerns, procedures for getting started and recommended formats.

## Theology of the Body for Families & Single People



Together with *Family Prayer Night Devotions*, **Theology of the Body for Families** is the second-most consequential

program we support, develop and disseminate simply because it is so vitally important for the physical and spiritual well-being of the family.

It is abundantly clear that the struggle for purity is at the very heart of the battle for healthy marriages and families. In attacking purity, the evil one tries to destroy the most intimate part of the soul knowing that it will cause disintegration of the personality at the deepest possible level. And, the wounds are especially grievous when the innocence of a child is violated.

His attacks are designed to crush the spirit, weaken the will, break down the personality, and cause a dependence of the body and soul to sinful and self-destructive behaviors. This leads to a breakdown in relationships with God, in friendships, within marriages and families, and flows out to the entire society.

Helping parents to provide true Catholic formation in purity within the family home is clearly one of the most urgent priorities we have as a corporation, because only through an integrated lifetime approach to purity will families rediscover the beauty of life, love, happiness, and peaceful communion with one another and with God.

Through our **FamilyPrayerNight.org** website, we provide *free* resources to parents and single people, including two publications on understanding the need for purity according to 2000 years of Church teachings and recommendations on how to implement those teachings within the safe environment of the family home.

# Our Building Blocks

Since our mission to families is primarily spiritual in nature, we place our trust in Divine Providence to lead us along the shortest pathway to achieving our goals. Rising from prayer, especially our daily participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we set out to cast our nets for a catch. The resources we have received are treasured gifts from God that have been used to accomplish the works of our apostolate, which we always offer to others for free. What God provides we freely pass on to others.

## Free Projects & Family Resources

- All of the work we've done over the years has been performed by unpaid volunteers who have given of themselves tirelessly to develop and produce Catholic-based resources for the family. As a result, nearly every dollar we've received in donations has gone towards the development and distribution of those resources for the spiritual renewal of families and evangelization in the Catholic tradition.
- More than 100,000 *free Blessed Images* of Jesus and Mary have been and still are being distributed worldwide in an ongoing program that has been underwritten and administered by a generous and faithful friend of Catalyst.
- After the 1992-95 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina ended, Catalyst set up and administered the **Bosnia Orphan Relief Fund** to raise financial aid to help the war-torn orphans in Medjugorje and surrounding villages.
- With the blessings and encouragement of Bishops Roger Schwietz and Dennis Schnurr of the Diocese of Duluth, Catalyst has undertaken several projects to help alleviate the pain and suffering of sexually exploited and abused children within the Church. In particular, we have distributed thousands of prayer cards entitled **A Prayer for Healing from Sexual Abuse within the Church** to dioceses across America over the past 19 years. And, with the passage of time, those cards have also found their way to other regions of the world as well.
- In 2004, we initiated a research project covering 2000 years of Church teaching on marriage, family life and human sexuality which culminated in two major resources for the family: **Catholic Chastity Formation for Families** and an accompanying **Workbook**. Together, they provide the fundamental foundation for strengthening families against the assaults of the world, the flesh and the devil, and are available in free downloadable pdf files. The books are currently being updated to include Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and their titles will be changed to **Theology of the Body for Families**.
- **Filmmaking** has been an ever increasing part of our apostolate. It gives us the ability and opportunity to reach families in new and innovative ways. By creating Catholic short films, we can more easily and effectively connect with people in their nanosecond worlds. And, all of the work associated with the creation of these films is performed by volunteers. Without volunteers, our filmmaking efforts would not have been possible, as comparable work done by professional agencies would have cost upwards of a hundred thousand dollars to do what we've done as a labor of love. And, we're just beginning.
- **Website** development has been a mainstay of our apostolate to reach families worldwide since 1998. Through the Internet, we can effectively transmit and impart our information and family resources with the click of a button. We've also used this technology to help other organizations of common interest to both evangelize and protect the innocence of human life from the evil of abortion.
- Using our filmmaking and website expertise, we have also produced **Catholic-based resources for parishes** to promote evangelization within their communities. These projects have provided valuable insights that will enable us to advance our corporate objectives of making family-centered faith videos available to dioceses to support their own efforts within the *New Evangelization*.

# Free Blessed Images

More than 100,000 copies of the free Blessed Images have already been distributed worldwide as a means of drawing new graces to safeguard families



The Image of Jesus the Divine Mercy is a representation of how Jesus appeared to a devout nun in Poland, in the early 1930's. Sister Faustina Kowalska, now Saint Faustina, was entrusted with bringing Christ's message of Divine Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord's plan to accomplish this was through the Image of Jesus the Divine Mercy.

The miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is seen 8 ½ months pregnant, bearing in her womb the gift of life, and the very source of life, the Infant Christ child. In Mexico, from December 9-12, 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego and herself created this miraculous Image.



Pictured above, Pope John Paul II blessed the apostolates of Family Prayer Night Devotions and the free Blessed Images of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe during a private audience at the Vatican in May 1996.

# Our Tools

Catalyst has been developing websites since 1998 to support our family apostolates. Our experience enables us to quickly adapt to new technologies and deliver information that is both innovative and interesting while, at the same time, keeping our web sites fresh and up-to-date.

**Websites** we have created and maintain:

- KettleRiverUSA.com (Catalyst, 1998) \*
- FamilyPrayerNight.org (Catalyst, 1998)
- ChastityFormation.org (Catalyst, 2007)
- TheologyOfTheBodyForFamilies.org (Catalyst, 2014)
- St. Mary's in Willow River, Minnesota (Parish, 2008)
- St. Isidore's in Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota (Parish, 2009)
- St. Mary Star of the Sea in Duluth, Minnesota (Parish, 2011)
- Holy Angels in Moose Lake, MN (Parish, 2008) \*
- The Angelica Joy Story (ProLife, 2009) \*
- Sandstone Options for Women (ProLife, 2013)  
\* decommissioned

## The Internet



## Filmmaking



YouTube caused an explosion of videos on the internet that literally changed the way people communicate. To keep pace, we began producing our own videos about aspects of the Catholic faith. Today, filmmaking is the key to our future and so we've made a major commitment to improve our skills, and advance our capabilities with the purchase of state-of-the art motion equipment.

**Films** we have produced:

- The Holy Innocents Chapel (Documentary)
- The Angelica Joy Story (Documentary)
- ProLife Ministries of Duluth (Documentary)
- St. Mary Willow River (9 Feature Segments)
- St. Mary Star of the Sea (8 Feature Segments)
- Sonogram, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Documentary)
- Pilgrimage to the Guadalupe Shrine (Post-editing)
- Chastity Formation (40-2 Minute Introductions)

# Websites

## Catalyst Websites



Being able to instantly connect with worldwide audiences with free downloadable resources is a real plus in our mission to help families.

## Parish Websites



Parishes are on the front line of the evangelization of the family. Our goal is to provide new and innovative tools to help them meet that challenge.

## Prolife Websites



We believe that all human life is sacred from the moment of conception, and it is our goal to assist, when possible, any peaceful effort to bring about an end to abortion.

# Videos

## Theology of the Body Videos



By incorporating free video presentations and testimonials into our websites, we can help make learning fun, easy and interesting.

## Parish Videos



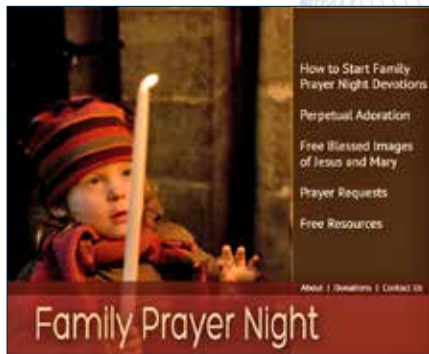
Using video for parish evangelization can be an effective way to welcome people back to Church. Just give them a DVD to watch at home, then follow up with a phone call or visit!

## Prolife Videos



Fear often moves women to choose abortion in crisis pregnancy situations. Using video can be an easy way to help them consider other alternatives before taking action.

# Our Future



## Family Prayer Night Devotions\*

Through our **Family Prayer Night** website, we encourage families to pray together every day, and establish weekly **Family Prayer Night Devotions** and **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** in their parish communities. We also distribute *free Blessed Images* of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe to help strengthen family love and respect for human life, and offer a prayer line to intercede for others.



## Theology of the Body for Families\*

Our new **Theology of the Body for Families** website is being constructed to provide 2000 years of official Catholic teachings on marriage, family and human sexuality as the foundation on which to build healthy, holy and happy families, along with parent and educator child safety training programs with certification and adult education courses for parents, dioceses and parish-based faith formation.



## Faith Minutes for Families\*

Our next step is create a broadcast series called **Faith Minutes** based on information from our **Family Prayer Night**, and **Theology of the Body for Families** websites, and supporting research documents to help families better understand how to integrate Church teaching into their every day lives.

## Volunteers & Partners

We have been very blessed over the years to have worked with many wonderful people who shared our vision for the healing and restoration of families in the spirit of the *New Evangelization*. Without their prayers, support, encouragement and/or financial gifts, none of this would have been possible.

Together—volunteers, family, friends and benefactors—we have built our house on the Rock, and now our work is ready to bear great fruit in abundance.

To those who are still here, we've got a lot of work ahead. To those who have gone home to receive their just reward from the Lord, pray for us.

To everyone else: volunteers, prayer warriors and benefactors are all needed to partner with us, as we continue our work in the great mission field of the *New Evangelization of the Family*.

You indeed are needed! God love you and bless you.

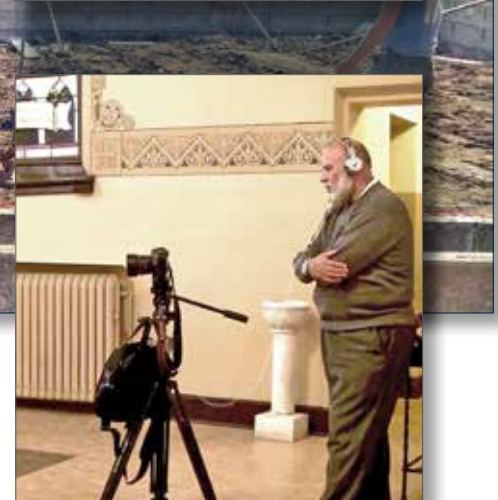
\* under redevelopment at the time of this publication

# Oasis of Peace Media

where faith and families meet

a ministry of catalyst complex, inc.

We have the technical capabilities to produce high quality film for public broadcast, internet and in-home viewing. With an array of portable motion, video, camera and sound equipment, we can easily shoot *on location!* This gives us a tremendous advantage in the creative process and enables us to produce interesting short films about various aspect of our Catholic Faith.



Preparations have been made to construct a permanent 2,400 sq. ft. film and recording studio at our corporate headquarters in Kettle River. With the foundation, water and sewer systems already in place, we patiently await funding to finish construction and begin production.

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