

## But I'm Already Very Busy?

Do you actually spend your busy time with your family? Being in a Family Group will mean that once a month you will be sharing an experience with your own family plus some 10 other families. Is that being too busy?

## What If I've Already Got Enough Friends?

Well, maybe a group needs you! And if you do have many friends, you don't have to lose them to belong to a Family Group.

Have you ever thought what it is like for the people who are not like you and who don't have many friends?

Could it be that many people don't stay after weekend masses because they really don't know anyone to stop and chat with? What if we could create a network where everybody knew at least 10 families? Wouldn't that improve the atmosphere of the parish?

## Benefits To The Parish

Through your Family Group, you will find you are bringing a happy loving spirit to your parish.

Experience shows that Family Groups are a great asset to the parish, since many people become actively involved in parish life.



## History Of The Family Group Movement

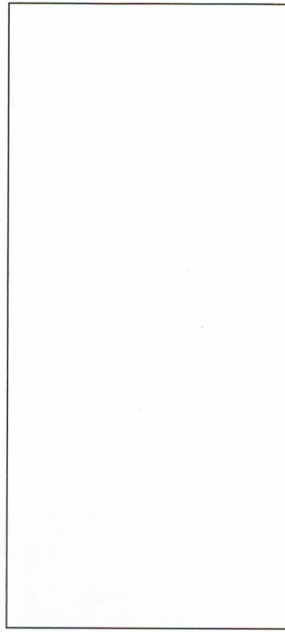
In 1972, Father Peter McGrath, C.P. was appointed to the tiny parish of St. Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney. Then only 30 people gathered for the Sunday Eucharist. The congregation grew and by 1973 over 1,000 people were attending.

Faced with this expansion, Father Peter formed Family Groups to preserve the original community spirit where people knew each other by name and shared each other's joys and sorrows.

The Family Group Movement, though started in the Catholic church, has now bridged the gap and is ecumenical, being in Anglican, Uniting and Baptist churches. Family Group are now in over 400 parishes in Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., U.K. and Ireland.

In all countries it is seen to be a relevant way for all of us to build Christian community and prepare for the future.

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# Passionist Family Group Movement

***"By joining a Family Group you will experience acceptance, love, care and support from other human beings.***  
***"To love one another as I have loved you"***

