

# PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



**To celebrate 30 years of the PFGM in Aotearoa ...** what better way to do this than share our stories?

Everyone has a story to tell ...

We need stories to support our write up about 30 years of PFGM. Just short stories are best. These would not need to include names. A summary of your experience revealing how PFGM has enriched your life or the life of someone you know. For this we would be grateful.

Recently when setting up PFG in a Parish there were a couple of people who were not able to attend the set up day, I decided to visit them personally.

Sitting in their home, hearing their personal story was a privilege as they honestly and openly shared their current challenges but also their hopes for the future. As I returned to my car I felt an overwhelming sense of honour to have been trusted with their story. I can remember as I drove off thinking, "Thank God for Passionist Family Groups". How else would I have crossed paths with these people?



## WE NEED YOU!



Please share your story..... email to: [passionistnz@gmail.com](mailto:passionistnz@gmail.com)

Check the website for updates under Resources:

- 2018 Formation Notes, Community and PFG's Grief and Bereavement
- Role of a Group Member

Photos from 2018 annual PFG Day's held in each region ...

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Congratulations to St Mary's Paeroa - the first Parish in NZ to establish family groups in June 1988 – celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Paeroa celebrated with Mass followed by a shared dinner, cutting of the cake and fellowship. A photo board was on display which included the comment "We were all a bit younger and crazier then"



### Is the PFGM visual in your Parish?

PFGM is about building community. To do this we need to ensure the movement is visual in each Parish. How can we achieve this?

- Weekly corner in the Parish newsletter  
Not only advertising a PFG get together but also reporting on how your PFG event went.
- Is PFGM listed on your Parish webpage with contacts, and an invitation to join?
- Does your Parish have a promo weekend each year?

The more PFG's are visible in your Parish the more likely people will join.

***When Cardinal Francois-Xavier Nguyen van Thuan was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way" From Pope Francis – On the call to holiness in today's world.***

In appreciation of all that you do...Blessings  
*Mary-Ellen, John, Linda & Paul*

### Story Cards

Story cards used at a PFG gathering are a great way of getting to know the members in your group a little better. You will be surprised at what you may have in common or what gifts others have. One of the most valuable things we can do for each other is to listen to each other's stories. E.g

Please choose 1 of the following:

1. A home that you have lived in
2. A decision you made
3. An adventure

For more story cards visit:

<https://www.pfgm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/storycards.pdf>



St Anne's Newtown, St Joseph's Mt Victoria, St Francis de Sales Island Bay, and St Bernard's Brooklyn as the **Catholic Parish of Wellington South** joining the Passionist Family Group Movement in July 2018.