

# High Tidings

March 20, 2009

Dear Friends of the Marianist Family Ministry,

As we continue to journey through Lent, a time of intense Christian living, we experience an adventure marked by new awareness's of grace and sin, Christ and self and life and death. We travel together being both purified and illuminated being helped to know Christ and His gospel better and to live what He lived and taught. We continue to ask His guidance.

The Marianist Family Ministry, since June 2008, has come full circle on it's journey, and found itself with a movement, a velocity and a dynamic that is found at no other time in it's history. Together, we have become re-shaped, opening ourselves to accept a new spirit. Together we struggled to save the CFL Center, and have come to a common awareness that, regrettably, the center must close. This summer will be its last summer. A shut-down date will be announced soon.

I encourage us all to take this opportunity to sign up for a family week of fun and prayer at the beach ([see application below for your convenience](#)). Let's celebrate the center, celebrate the graces and celebrate the love we have all received in the past.

We will continue to "do whatever He tells" us, as Mary requests, bringing forth Christ into the world through the new Marianist Family Ministry Continuation Team. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I want to thank you for contributing over the years to CFL, in multitudes of ways, serving families in the Marianist tradition.

Lenten Blessings,  
Tina Bauman



# IMAGINE: 2009 AT CFL!

Family retreats are for families with children, single parent families, married couples grandparents with grandchildren



**MARIANIST FAMILY MINISTRY, INC.** gives families an experience of Christian living on the pristine shores of North Carolina. Since 1979 over a thousand families from at least 25 states have grown spiritually - and in many other ways - at CFL. CFL is not about so-called experts teaching people how to have "perfect" families rather we engage families in praying and playing, discussing and working, relaxing and having fun.



**THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIVING CENTER** (CFL) is more than just a wonderful place at the shore. The Christian Family Living Center offers the family program as a way of being that nourishes faith, family, friendships, and fun. Find time to grow as a family in God's love. One week in the summer can make a big difference in your relationship to God and each other.

the strength and development of our faith"

"Retreat and reflection are vital to  
- Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

**THE PROGRAM** focuses on key subjects each day including affirmation & encouragement, communication, forgiveness, and commitment. These simple concepts are so important in developing strong family values that many "CFL-ers" can recite them by heart.



**RETREAT ACTIVITIES** include Eucharistic celebration and



other prayer services, quiet time for individual reflection, presentations with skits, discussion groups, and family projects. Afternoons are free for families to enjoy the beach. Evenings include a variety show, dance party, ice cream social and other fun activities. Family members take turns preparing meals and doing other chores - a "home away from home" at the beach!

**FRIENDSHIPS DEEPEN** as the week progresses and a sense of belonging is realized.

**THE FAMILY LIVING EXPERIENCE** has a unique flavor with the group gathered for the week or half week. The presence of God in the community brings many blessings and relationship healing in families. It is always a surprise and a fresh work of God in the "ordinary" life of the community.



Our retreats have a Catholic flavor and emphasize themes common to all Christian heritages.

CFL welcomes families and individuals of all

faiths.

## Weekend Retreats Dates

Mothers Day	Fri-Sun: May 8 - 10
Fathers Day	Fri-Sun: Jun 19 - 21
Women's Retreat	Fri-Sun: Sep 18 - 20
Bereavement	Fri-Sun: Oct 16 - 18

## Rates:

\$70 ages 2-7  
\$110 ages 8-adult;  
under 2 are free  
Family Max is \$495

## Summer Weeks: Dates:

1-A	Classic Light*	Sun-Wed: Jun 28 - Jul 1
1-B	Classic Light*	Thu-Sun: Jul 2 - 5 Hispanic Heritage Families
2	CFL Classic	Sun- Fri: Jul 5 - 10
3	CFL Classic	Sun- Fri: Jul 12 - 17
4	CFL Classic	Sun- Fri: Jul 19 - 24
5	CFL Classic	Sun- Fri: Jul 26 - 31
6	CFL Classic	Sun- Fri: Aug 2 - 7
7-A	Classic Light*	Sun-Wed: Aug 9 - 12
7-B	Classic Light*	Thu-Sun: Aug 13 - 16
8	CFL Classic	Sun-Fri: Aug 30 - Sep 4 Home school Families

## Rates:

\***Classic Light:**  
3 nights / 4 days  
\$60 ages 2-7  
\$145 ages  
8-adult; under 2 are free  
Family Max is \$590.

## CFL Classic:

5 nights / 6 days  
\$100 ages 2-7  
\$240 ages  
8-adult; under 2 are free  
Family Max is \$980.

\*Classic Light schedule is the same great program - just adapted to accommodate families who want the *Family Living Experience* at our most economical price or do not have the time for the full 5 night/6 day program.

Marianist Family Ministry, Inc.

## Christian Family Living Center

2006 Wicker St., North Topsail Beach, NC 28460  
910-328-1584 - [www.christianfamilyliving.org](http://www.christianfamilyliving.org)



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## IMAGINE: 2009 AT CFL!

Please send this application in by February 15, 2009  
 along with a \$100 deposit made payable to "Marianist Family Ministry".

**Please list 3 dates.** To ensure well balanced peer groups you may not get your 1st choice. In the spirit of building community no visitors or partial participation is allowed. Family members are all to arrive on the first day and depart on the closing day. Please be sure you select dates accordingly.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Choice:</b>
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**New families:** Please enclose a Family Sketch describing your family, including the primary interests of each family member, how your family attempts to live its faith, and your hopes for this retreat. Note items of interest and include names of children unable to accompany you.

	Last Name	First Name (for name tags)	Gender M/F	Date of Birth mm/dd/year	Religion	Occupation
Applicant				___/___/___		
Spouse if applicable				___/___/___		
For family retreats, please list children attending in descending order or age. Please indicate which child needs a crib or high chair. Minor children must be accompanied by a relative or legal guardian when attending MFM sponsored overnight programs.					Age at retreat	Relationship to adult
Oldest Child				___/___/___		
Next Child				___/___/___		
Next Child				___/___/___		
Next Child				___/___/___		
Next Child				___/___/___		

**Have you ever attended a CFL retreat? Yes No**

Summer retreat    Yes No    year attended \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend retreat    Yes No    name of program \_\_\_\_\_

Other Marianist Retreat Centers    Yes No    Program attended \_\_\_\_\_    Location \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Mailing Address and Contact Information

Full Name	Street Address	
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Cell(s)	Emergency Contact Person & Phone <small>Other than who will be on retreat with you</small>	
E-mail(s)	Financial Aid Request <input type="checkbox"/> If checked, an aid form will be mailed to you.	

If anyone in your family has special dietary needs, please bring food; we will provide storage.

Musical talents: List instrument you will bring to play at our liturgies and/or talent show.