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I. OVERVIEW

A. Background

MFC Kids is one of the Sections of Missionary Families of Christ (MFC). It is a Section that supports its members, children ages 12 years old and below, by teaching them and guiding them towards knowing God as they grow to become God fearing and responsible men and women.

B. Mission

To bring out Jesus in every child.

Our mission is to create a support environment for children to grow in relationship with God as they grow in a loving relationship with their family, friends and the community.

C. Vision

We are an evangelistic and missionary community committed to become families empowered by the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.


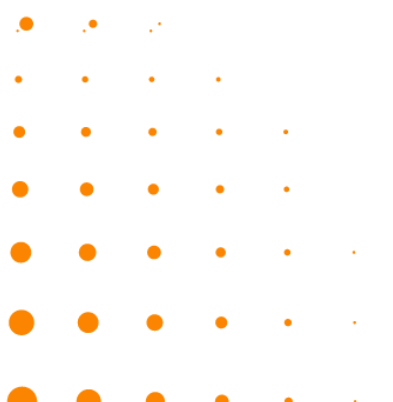
Section Vision

A new generation of Catholic children, who live like Jesus.

Our vision is a future generation of God-fearing individuals living out their Christian values and beliefs, imparted to them in their childhood, as they walk through life in the world.

D. Our Life Verse

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” Mark 10:14





E. Our Purpose Statement

MFC Kids exists to tell the world that no one is too young to know Christ.

F. Culture

Our culture is our way of doing things in the Section. It is also known as the F.A.C.E. of MFC Kids.

1. Fun

MFC Kids provides an environment that cultivates the spirit of Catholic enjoyment through activities that promote not only spiritual but social growth as well.

2. Acceptance

In MFC Kids, we strive to create an atmosphere of belongingness wherein everyone is given warm reception regardless of individual differences (John 15:12).

3. Christ Centered

The primary reason for the existence of MFC Kids is Christ. Therefore, in each endeavor and activity in our ministry, we first and foremost seek that the participant will be able to glorify God.



4. Excellence

Since in MFC Kids we believe that all things should be done for the glory of God, we do everything outstandingly in all the aspects of our lives.

G. MFC Kids Promise

The MFC Kids Promise consists of acts of binding oneself (in mind, heart, and spirit) to a course of action mutually agreed between the MFC Kids members, their parents and God.

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
 - I will make Jesus my role model by obeying rules and doing well in school.
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2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids.

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids.
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them.

H. MFC Kids K-Steps

Taking into consideration the developmental stages of the members of our section, MFC Kids groups our members based on their age brackets we also call the MFC Kids K-Steps.

1. Kids at Play (3 and 4 years old/Toddlers)


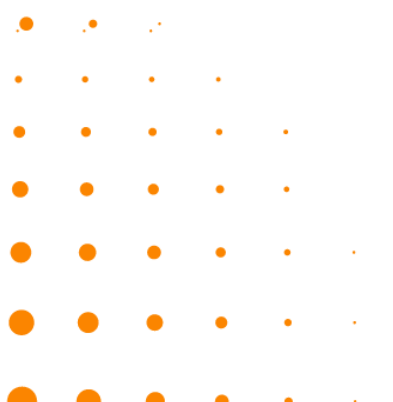
Kids in this age group learn more through self-discovery and unstructured but guided play.


2. First Steps (5-7 years old/Preschoolers)

Children this age are beginning to take their first steps into the outside world, but still have limited skills. Engaging them in hands-on activities and exposing them to others will help greatly in their growth and development.

3. Footsteps (8-10 years old/Lower Elementary)

Activities for children in this age group need to be more challenging as they start to follow the footsteps of their older role models. Programs should focus on





developing their competencies and skills more independently.

4. Step Up (11-12 years old/Upper Elementary)

Children in this age feel neither here nor there and are usually just starting to find their identity. In this age bracket, we will start to introduce cell group discussions to help develop their reflective thinking skills and prepare them for their teenage years.

II. THE STAKEHOLDERS: PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MFC KIDS SECTION

1. The Parents

This clearly puts the parents at the forefront of our work with the kids! Whatever is taught at home, is reinforced in MFC Kids. And without the commitment and support of the parents, MFC Kids will not be able to teach the kids completely especially in their faith and personal relationship with Christ! So, the section also aims to involve the parents of the MFC Kids members in whatever their kids learn in the section. This can be done through parents' forums, parent involvement and through the MFC Kids members bringing home what they learned to their families.


2. MFC Kids Coordinators, Heart Champs (MFC Youth & Singles), Mission Volunteers and the Community

a. National Section Coordinator

He is the servant leader of the Section. He initiates and implements the programs of the section.

b. Area Couple Coordinators

They oversee and implement the programs of MFC Kids in their respective areas. They meet with the MFC Kids FTW Zone Coordinator regularly to get updated and give feedback regarding the ministry. They should adapt the program to the realities of their areas.





c. Chapter Couple Coordinators

They help the Area Section Couple Coordinators with implementation of the program in their respective parishes.

d. Heart Champs

They are members of MFC Youth or MFC Singles who serve in the MFC Kids section. They are the “Ate” and “Kuyas” (older sisters and brothers) of the MFC Kids. They serve as the facilitators of the activities and are the ones whom the kids can look to as role models.

e. Full-time Workers and Mission Volunteers

These people have more accountability in the ministry by overseeing different areas (city, provincial or international), program development and the pastoral formation. Full Time Workers have been hired specifically for the section, while Mission Volunteers work elsewhere but have committed to volunteering help for the section’s need.

f. The MFC Community

We are called to support each other by being good role models, most especially for the kids, because we belong to a bigger family of God.


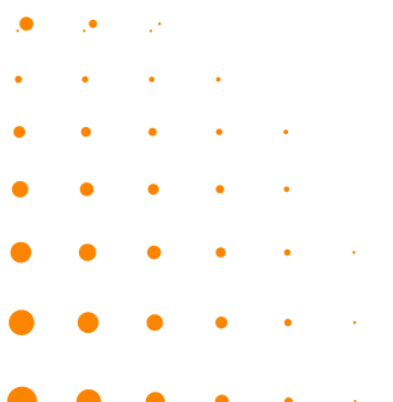
III. OUR COMPONENTS

A. KIDS’ ACTIVITIES

1. Regular Activities

a. Monthly Kids Assembly

This is a once-a-month activity, usually lasts for one and a half (1.5) to two (2) hours including fellowship, where kids learn more about their Catholic faith. This serves as a regular spiritual nourishment for the MFC Kids members.





b. Parent-Child Activity

These are different activities between the parents and their children integrated in our Kids Assembly Topic to strengthen the relationship and bond between the whole family.

2. Entry Points

These activities serve as entry points in order for kids to be official members of MFC Kids.

a. MFC Kids' Assembly

After attending six (6) Kids Assembly in a span of one (1) year, a kid will then be an official MFC Kids member.

b. MFC Kids' Day


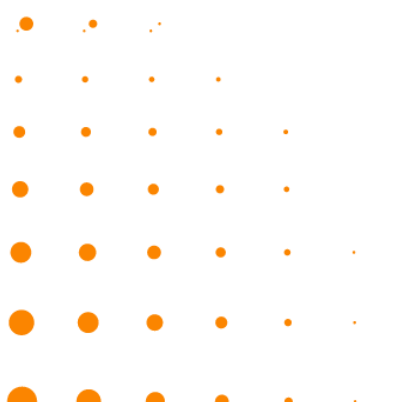
A half-day activity for the **Kids at Play** and **First Steps** (age 3 – 7 years old) groups, usually held on a weekend during summer or school break, wherein kids can experience an exciting time to discover more about God through different activities, while making new friends and learning more about themselves.

c. MFC Kids' Camp

A two-day live-in camp for the **Footsteps** and **Step Up** (age 8 -12 years old) groups, usually conducted during summer or school break, wherein kids can have fun while they see and hear the Word of God being proclaimed by their older brothers and sisters in MFC Youth, make friends as they play games, share experiences, and entertain one another in a wholesome Christian environment and at the same time discover and develop their gifts and potential for leadership.

d. Kids-at-CLS

This is offered to the children of the participants attending the Christian Life Seminar (CLS) of MFC Couples, MFC Handmaids or MFC Servants and done during the CLS of their parents.





3. Our Annual Activities

the MFC Kids way of living is made up of activities that a member should attend annually. These can also serve as opportunities to invite non-community members to see what MFC Kids is all about.

a. MFC Kids Conference (National/Island)

MFC Kids members from all over the country gather to discuss the theme of the community through different sessions, workshops and other fun activities.

b. Children's Rosary Rally

A partnership with Educational Foundation Inc. (EFI), our community's educational ministry, and the Children's Rosary Movement. It is a yearly activity held during the Rosary Month (October) where kids pray the rosary together, participate in a Eucharistic Celebration and pay tribute to Mary, the Mother of God, through a short program or skit.

4. Other Activities

To enhance formation in MFC Kids. These are sustaining activities that can be done aside from the usual activities offered.

a. Kiddolympics



A whole day of fun and fitness for kids, parents, Heart Champs and Couple Coordinators wherein they can participate in different sports and physical activities and games.

b. Kids' Festival

A whole day activity wherein MFC Kids members and servants can showcase their God-given talents like singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, cooking, painting and many more.

5. Our Programs

These are programs and activities that we offer to institutions and other audiences to expand the work of our evangelization in MFC Kids.





a. Live Pure Kids

The Live Pure Kids PFO focuses on the topic of chastity, reminding children (MFC Kids members or non-members) of the importance of purity and chastity young as they are.

b. Live Life Kids

The Live Life Kids PFO help the kids to appreciate their life as a blessing from God and how they can value themselves as children of God. It also helps them appreciate their family and learn how to be a gift to their own family as well.

c. Live the Word Kids

The Live the Word Kids program aims to make the Bible come alive through studying the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

d. Church Connect (Parish Based Program)



This program allows the ministry to connect to the parishes and become partners in bringing the children closer to God.

e. Usapang Bata (NONE – Child and Youth Development Program)

In partnership with the No One in Need Movement, MFC Kids aims to bring and make Jesus known to the children of our Restoration and Mission Villages, by providing values formations which are aligned with the basic Bible truths and Filipino values and culture.

f. School Based

This is offered as a club or school engagement open to all public and Catholic private elementary schools to help students deepen their personal relationship with God and enhance their understanding of their faith in the school setting.



B. ADVOCACIES

These are the following advocacies that are initiated by MFC Kids in encouraging its members to live out and to be part of their lifestyle. These advocacies are therefore integrated in MFC Kids formation such as Kids Assembly Topics, Kids Conference PFO, etc.

1. **Little Stewards** - Good stewardship is the understanding that we don't totally own what is in our care. Instead, we have the authority over these blessings given by God for the time being, so we could take care of them appropriately. (ex. money, toys, important things, etc.)
2. **Cool Catholics** - Cool Catholics aim to let each and every young Catholic know and understand, love and live out their traditions, prayers and ultimately their Catholic Faith so that they in turn might share it to others.
3. **Earth Champs** - An Earth Champ is someone who knows that the Earth is our HOME and the home as well to many living things. An Earth Champion is someone who uses their head, heart, and hands to be mindful about the things that we do and say so that our actions DO NO HARM TO THE PEOPLE & TO THE PLANET.

C. ACTIVITIES FOR THE COUPLE COORDINATORS AND HEART CHAMPS

1. **Couple Coordinators Training (CCT)** - designed to nourish and equip MFC Kids Couple Coordinators with their roles and responsibilities in serving the kids.
 - a. **Couple Coordinators Training 1 (CCT 1)** – given to Couple Coordinators and those serving the ministry for less than two (2) years.
 - b. **Couple Coordinators Training 2 (CCT 2)** - given to Couple Coordinators serving the ministry for more than two (2) years.
2. **Heart Champs Training (HCT)** - designed for heart champs to help them embrace the work in MFC Kids as well as equip them with needed knowledge and skills.
 - a. **Heart Champs Training 1 (HCT 1)** – given to Heart Champs serving the section for less than two (2) years.

