

#1 – Family in Crisis...Catholic Family Services

Charity is a fancy word that means “to help out”. Think of someone in your life that you’ve helped. There is an organization called ShareLife that allows our Catholic family to help those who are struggling every day. ShareLife raises money and then gives it away to groups that are helping make our families stronger. Here’s a story about how ShareLife is making a difference and helping out:

Mary & Allan had been married for 12 years. They thought they had it all – both were working and making lots of money, they had the big dream house they always wanted and two beautiful kids – it was the complete package. Yet in the middle of it all, Mary & Allan forgot how to communicate with each other. Allan’s difficult job meant late hours – whenever he was at home, it seemed like he and his wife were always fighting. It was starting to rub off on the kids as well – communication in the home had disappeared. The couple turned to the Catholic Family Services office in their local area. This ShareLife agency gave their family a chance to talk about their problems with someone who could help. They even included the kids in some of the discussions as well. Mary & Allan were a bit surprised when they learned they were not alone – thousands of couples visit Catholic Family Services every year to help make their relationships stronger.

We are called by God to forgive those who have wronged us. Can you remember a time when you forgave someone who hurt you? We remember that even Jesus forgave those who put him on the cross to die. Today we pray for all those who are hurting, may God watch over them and support them during their difficult moments. We also remember ShareLife who continue to help those who may struggle to forgive. Let’s pray for them today.

(Our Father...) or other appropriate prayer