



PILGRIM QUEEN

**SERVES:
FAMILY**

**TIME:
SEPT / OCT**

PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Do you know that families today are constantly under attack?
- Families are being pulled apart by our culture. Constant activity by every family member leads to very little time spent together.
- Watch the news, what do you see? Everything seems stacked against the Christian family. Divorce, abortion, and general immorality seem rampant.
- How often do you talk your parents one on one? The average teenager speaks meaningfully with their parents for 2 minutes a day.
- Who can help lead families closer to Christ? Mary, our Queen of the Family.
- She stays close to every family that invokes her.
- How can we help bring families to Christ through Mary?
- There is a Mission Network program called Pilgrim Queen of the Family where 10 families share a beautiful image of the Blessed Mother in a wood shrine. Each family has the image of Mary in their house three days a month and prays the rosary before her. It is a huge help to families who have tried it out.



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OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let's find out more about this program and use it to help bring Mary to all these families to lead them to Christ!

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Call: Contact a local priest and determine a date and time to bless the Pilgrim Queen Shrines.</p> <p>Create Invitations: Make invitations for families to join in Pilgrim Queen of the Family that include the date of the blessing ceremony - start with the team members families. (Ceremony should ideally be in week 7)</p>	XXXX
2	<p>Invite: During this week the boys begin to promote with a goal of getting at least 10 of their families to participate. If there are more than 10 families, the goal should be 20 (10 families per shrine)</p>	XXXX
3	<p>Purchase: Purchase the Pilgrim Queens shrines. Go to www.pilgrimqueen.org You need to order them at least 10 days in advance. Ideally, to help pay for the shrine (which is \$50) you could ask each family to donate \$5, as all 10 families will own the shrine.</p>	XXXX
4	<p>Rehearse: This week the boys should rehearse the blessing ceremony to make sure it all runs smooth.</p>	XXXX

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5	Remind: The boys need to remind each family that agreed to participate that the blessing ceremony is coming up. Make a call list for the boys to split up. Each boy whose own family is participating needs to remind their parents.	XXXX
6	Create Schedule: Make a schedule for rotating the shrine through the different families. Try to obtain their actual address so as to make a route that the shrine can travel. Ideally each family should have the shrine for 3 days, but if logistics become a problem, they could rotate the shrine once a week (perhaps giving the shrine to the next family at Sunday Mass)	XXXX
7	Bless: Pilgrim Queen blessing is done this week. A local priest should bless them all in a Church with all the families involved present. The boys could show a little slide show of problems families encounter and there should be some words to emphasize how Mary helps families out (these words could simply be the homily if the priest wants to say Mass).	XXXX
8	Roate!: The shine should begin rotating through all of the families. After this project, it would be good to try to start this program at the parish where Conquest meets weekly, working with the pastor, sharing the proven success of this project.	Service Project: There is a short Gospel Reflection to help motivate the boys for this apostolic project.

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LOCATION

- The boys should try to do this for their own parish where the Conquest group is located.
- The pastor should provide permission prior to starting this project.
- The ideal location is the parish for the blessing ceremony. It could be after a weekend Mass, or even a special Mass if the priest is available and willing.
- If there is another room for a reception with snacks afterwards, it would be an opportunity for stronger Catholic families to help out those struggling in their faith.

PROVISIONS

- Pilgrim Queen of the Family Shrine – can be purchased at www.PilgrimQueen.org
- Fundraising \$\$ - or donations to help purchase the shrine
- Flyer / emails: Promotion for families to join this project. The boys can use pictures from the website for their invitations, but need to personalize them with the date, time and location of the blessing. Testimonies are also available for the blessing event.
- All families participating should sign up for the Pilgrim Queen of the Family newsletter on the website.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- One member needs to be the liaison with the pastor, especially first seeking his permission for this project and then setting an available date for the blessing ceremony for the shrine (preferably with Mass).
- One member needs to make the invitations / flyers.
- One member can be in charge of promotion via email / social media, and to obtain the addresses of those families that agree to participate.
- One member needs to purchase the actual shrine online, and be in charge of collecting the donations at the blessing ceremony to pay for the shrine.
- Two or three members can form a committee to investigate the problems facing families today, and prepare a short slide show and talk for the blessing ceremony (optional)

CONTACTS

- Priest: to do the blessing: He needs to know how this will help his parishioners. Mary, will become Queen in all these families' homes and lead them all towards Jesus. He needs to see that the boys on the team intend to continue this as a long term project, and not just a quick one. The fact that one of the intentions of the family rosary is vocations may help win him over.
- Team members' parents: They need to know the responsibility of being the guardian of a Pilgrim Queen shrine. The team leader may want to contact them individually by phone or signed letter during week one or before to ensure their 100% support. They need to see how this will enrich their family.
- Families to participate: They need to see how Mary is the Queen of all families and can support their family through all difficulties. A good line for them is "The Family that prays together, stays together." Everybody wants the benefits Mary will bring, they just need to know she will indeed bring them.

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SPECIAL OPS

- If possible, the team leader should get a guest speaker for the project to speak to the boys early on as well as at the blessing ceremony. A local psychologist or doctor is ideal, but other mature adults knowledgeable with the topic could also present.
- This needs to be a long-term project rather than a quick one. The boys need to realize that fruits will only come over the long term. They can start this at the parish and spread it very quickly with some effort.
- The idea is that this group of families continues indefinitely, although other people can take the lead and become guardians.
- The boys should pray a daily decade during this time. They need Mary's help or they will not succeed.
- Make sure the blessing ceremony is as professional as possible.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- The boys can organize a monthly or quarterly recitation of the rosary for all those involved in this project. This would involve having the rosary prayed by all the families together in a church one evening followed by a guest speaker (and possibly kids activities in the parish gym or hall that they themselves can organize).
- The boys can promote a special novena for families, and ask families to pray a decade of the rosary each day for 9 days.

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ROLL CALL

ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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