Catholic Faith Formation ministry group · International Group

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This index lists the Catholic Faith Formation meetings and seminars organised by the Catholic Faith Formation ministry group, a member group of the International Group of Saint Ignatius Church, Tokyo, from April 2019 through 4 October 2026. It is prepared for members of the International Group. Each session is numbered in chronological order. The column Run. is a running total: it equals the session number and shows how many gatherings had taken place by that date. Year-end running totals and the grand total to date appear below. Many of the meetings were also broadcast via Zoom so that people from outside the parish could take part. Visual material was shown from YouTube with English audio and Japanese-language captions. In recent months the Zoom facility has not been used, owing to technical issues with the computer system.

Summary by Year, with Running Totals

Year	This year	Running total	Notes
2019	8	**8**	*Official start in April.*
2020	8	**16**	*Resumed in June after the pandemic pause.*
2021	11	**27**	*Fullest year; no September session.*
2022	10	**37**	*No January or December session.*
2023	11	**48**	*No January session.*
2024	10	**58**	*No January or August session.*
2025	8	**66**	*Jubilee Year; several calendar gaps.*
2026	9	**75**	*Through 4 October 2026.*
TOTAL TO DATE	**75**	**75**	*As of 4 October 2026*

A running total is the cumulative count of all sessions from April 2019 up to and including the last session of that year. The total to date is 75 meetings.

Why some months have no meeting

The group aims at a first-Sunday monthly rhythm. The gaps below are not missing records. They are known reasons why no CFF meeting was held.

When	Reason no meeting was held
January, except 2021	The first Sunday of January falls in the Christmas and New Year holiday, so no CFF meeting is held then. The exception is 3 January 2021, The Year of Saint Joseph, which was held.
January–March 2019	This series began officially in April 2019. No prior CFF meetings are recorded.
January–May 2020	The coronavirus pandemic interrupted the meetings. The group resumed on 7 June 2020. During the pandemic, sessions 10 and 11 were held on 28 June and 12 July 2020.
September 2021	The host and organiser, Neil Day, was recovering from coronavirus and had to remain at home.
December 2022	Another parish church event occupied the usual Sunday.
August 2024	The CFF meeting host returned to Ireland for his father's funeral.
May 2025	Not held because of another church event.
September 2025	Not held: the organiser was in Rome for the Marian Mariology Congress.
November 2025	Not held because of another church event.
December 2019	No session is recorded after the November 2019 conference retreat.

Chronological Register

Every recorded meeting is listed below in one continuous register. "No." is the serial number from the first session. "Run." repeats that number so the cumulative total is visible on every row.

2019 · 8 meetings · running total at year-end: 8

No.	Date	Title of meeting / seminar	Run.
1	2019-04-07	Catholicism (DVD) by Bishop Robert Barron	1
2	2019-05-05	The Message of Divine Mercy	2
3	2019-06-02	The Saints (The Ascension)	3
4	2019-07-07	PRO-LIFE and March for Life Japan (Masaaki Ikeda)	4
5	2019-08-04	Ignatian Spirituality (Fr. Robert Chiesa)	5
6	2019-09-01	"Being a Missionary Disciple" and Extraordinary Missionary Month (Oct 2019)	6
7	2019-10-06	Our Lady of the Rosary	7
8	2019-11-03	1st National Catholic Awareness Conference Japan 2019 — Retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley	8

2020 · 8 meetings · running total at year-end: 16

No.	Date	Title of meeting / seminar	Run.
9	2020-06-07	Part 1 — Paul, Apostle of Christ: Do We Need a St. Paul Today?	9
10	2020-06-28	Part 2 — St. Peter: The Rock in the Storm	10
11	2020-07-12	Part 3 — Can St. Patrick's Missionary Discipleship Be Relevant Today?	11
12	2020-08-02	Evangelisation and Missionary Discipleship	12
13	2020-09-06	Pontifical Missionary Union — Baptized and Sent	13
14	2020-10-04	Saint Francis of Assisi (4 Oct) and Saint Faustina (5 Oct)	14
15	2020-11-01	All Saints Day and All Souls Day	15
16	2020-12-06	Mary vs. Attacks of the Devil — Necessity of Exorcists, with Fr. Vincent Lampert	16

2021 · 11 meetings · running total at year-end: 27

No.	Date	Title of meeting / seminar	Run.
17	2021-01-03	The Year of Saint Joseph 2021	17
18	2021-02-07	Beginning of Holiness with St. Mother Teresa	18
19	2021-03-07	The Transformational Fruits of Lent	19
20	2021-04-04	The Glory, Joy, and Meaning of Easter	20
21	2021-05-02	Protection of Human Life with Dr. Ligaya Acosta	21
22	2021-06-06	The Message, Miracles, and Mission of Saint John Paul II	22
23	2021-07-04	The Catholic Church on Transhumanism	23
24	2021-08-01	St. Ignatius de Loyola and the Ignatian Year 2021–22	24
25	2021-10-03	St. Francis of Assisi — Rebuild My Church	25
26	2021-11-07	Christ the King — Celebrate and Live Our Faith in Public	26
27	2021-12-05	3rd National Catholic Awareness Conference Japan	27

2022 · 10 meetings · running total at year-end: 37

No.	Date	Title of meeting / seminar	Run.
28	2022-02-06	Synodality — Synod 2021–2023	28
29	2022-03-06	What Is God Saying to the Church?	29
30	2022-04-03	Lenten Reflections — The Holy Eucharist	30
31	2022-05-01	Synodality — Entrusting to Mary, Star of Evangelisation	31
32	2022-06-05	June Is the Month of the Sacred Heart	32
33	2022-07-03	Faith and Doubt with St. Thomas the Apostle	33
34	2022-08-07	Dialogue with the Cultures — Xavier's Evangelization Style	34
35	2022-09-04	The Splendor of Truth — "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness"	35
36	2022-10-02	Fearless Evangelization and the Ministry of Healing	36
37	2022-11-06	The Miraculous Medal and the Power of the Rosary	37

2023 · 11 meetings · running total at year-end: 48			
No.	**Date**	**Title of meeting / seminar**	**Run.**
38	2023-02-05	The Legion of Mary — Worldwide Evangelisation from Simple Beginnings	**38**
39	2023-03-05	Lent	**39**
40	2023-04-02	Divine Mercy	**40**
41	2023-05-07	The Blessed Mother — Apparitions, Healing and Protection	**41**
42	2023-06-04	Eucharist and Life Experiences with Fr. Gandhi	**42**
43	2023-07-02	Faith, Science and Reason	**43**
44	2023-08-06	Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ	**44**
45	2023-09-03	Pope Saint Gregory the Great	**45**
46	2023-10-01	Is Padre Pio the Greatest Saint of Our Times?	**46**
47	2023-11-05	All Hallows, Saints and Souls	**47**
48	2023-12-03	Saint Pedro Poveda and the Teresian Association	**48**

2024 · 10 meetings · running total at year-end: 58			
No.	**Date**	**Title of meeting / seminar**	**Run.**
49	2024-02-04	Saint Thomas Aquinas and the Virtue of Meekness	**49**
50	2024-03-03	Our Lady of the Discovery of the Hidden Christians of Japan	**50**
51	2024-04-07	Graces and Indulgences of the Divine Mercy	**51**
52	2024-05-05	Mother Mary — The Power of Praying the Rosary, with Fr. Gandhi	**52**
53	2024-06-02	Corpus Christi — The Gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	**53**
54	2024-07-07	Faithfulness, Steadfastness and Courage of Saints Peter and Paul	**54**
55	2024-09-01	St. Augustine — The City of God	**55**
56	2024-10-06	St. Maximilian Kolbe on the Militia Immaculata, the Miraculous Medal, and Our Lady of the Rosary	**56**
57	2024-11-03	Pope Leo the Great and Saint Albert the Great	**57**
58	2024-12-01	Life Lessons from the Holy Family	**58**

2025 · 8 meetings · running total at year-end: 66			
No.	**Date**	**Title of meeting / seminar**	**Run.**
59	2025-02-02	St. Valentine and St. John Bosco	**59**
60	2025-03-02	Lenten Practices for “Pilgrims of Hope” in the Jubilee Year 2025	**60**
61	2025-04-06	The Sermon on the Mount — Living the Beatitudes	**61**
62	2025-06-01	Pope Leo XIV — A Transformative Pope for the 21st Century	**62**
63	2025-07-06	The Catholic Church and AI	**63**
64	2025-08-03	Set the World on Fire with St. Ignatius de Loyola and St. Alphonsus de Liguori	**64**
65	2025-10-05	Trip to Rome Report — Marian Congress, Audiences with Pope Leo, Saints Acutis and Frassati	**65**
66	2025-12-07	The Immaculate Conception and Advent Hope	**66**

2026 · 9 meetings · running total at 4 October: 75			
No.	**Date**	**Title of meeting / seminar**	**Run.**
67	2026-02-01	Hospitality in Charity (St. Brigid) & Courage in Martyrdom (St. Paul Miki)	**67**
68	2026-03-01	From Dust and Ashes to Divine Glory — The Transfiguration of Jesus Renews Us in Lent	**68**
69	2026-04-05	Reflections on Easter and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary	**69**
70	2026-05-03	Marian Saints — Saint Louis de Montfort and Saint Charbel	**70**
71	2026-06-07	Highlight Christ, Protect Humanity — Living Pope Leo XIV’s Magnifica Humanitas	**71**
72	2026-07-05	Life Is Worth Living — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen	**72**
73	2026-08-02	Complementary Charisms — Ignatian Clarity & Franciscan Tenderness	**73**
74	2026-09-06	Am I My Brother’s Keeper?	**74**
75	2026-10-04	How to Speak of Christ in the City	**75**

TOTAL TO DATE · 75 meetings · April 2019 — 4 October 2026

Thematic Classification

The same seventy-five titles are grouped here by pastoral theme rather than by date. A session that touches two themes is placed where it does most of its catechetical work. The meeting of 4 October 2026 is listed under both mission and the signs of the times, because first proclamation and the family in the age of AI were its two aims.

I. Our Lady, the Rosary, and Marian Mission

A sustained Marian thread runs through the whole programme. In a Japanese setting this is pastorally wise: Our Lady is already honoured in the memory of the Hidden Christians, and the Rosary is a portable school of the Gospel.

2019-10-06	Our Lady of the Rosary
2020-12-06	Mary vs. Attacks of the Devil — Necessity of Exorcists (Fr. Vincent Lampert)
2022-05-01	Synodality — Entrusting to Mary, Star of Evangelisation
2022-11-06	The Miraculous Medal and the Power of the Rosary
2023-05-07	The Blessed Mother — Apparitions, Healing and Protection
2024-03-03	Our Lady of the Discovery of the Hidden Christians of Japan
2024-05-05	Mother Mary — The Power of Praying the Rosary (Fr. Gandhi)
2024-10-06	St. Maximilian Kolbe: Militia Immaculata, Miraculous Medal, Rosary
2025-10-05	Trip to Rome — Marian Congress; Saints Acutis and Frassati
2025-12-07	The Immaculate Conception and Advent Hope
2026-04-05	Easter Reflections and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
2026-05-03	Marian Saints — St. Louis de Montfort and St. Charbel

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II. Saints, Blesseds, and Models of Holiness

The communion of saints is the parish's most consistent catechetical method: doctrine is taught through lives.

2019-06-02	The Saints (The Ascension)
2020-06-07	St. Paul, Apostle of Christ
2020-06-28	St. Peter, the Rock in the Storm
2020-07-12	St. Patrick and Missionary Discipleship
2020-10-04	St. Francis of Assisi and St. Faustina
2020-11-01	All Saints and All Souls
2021-01-03	The Year of Saint Joseph
2021-02-07	Beginning of Holiness with St. Mother Teresa
2021-06-06	St. John Paul II: Message, Miracles, Mission
2021-08-01	St. Ignatius de Loyola and the Ignatian Year
2021-10-03	St. Francis of Assisi — Rebuild My Church
2022-07-03	Faith and Doubt with St. Thomas the Apostle
2023-09-03	Pope St. Gregory the Great
2023-10-01	Padre Pio
2023-11-05	All Hallows, Saints and Souls
2023-12-03	St. Pedro Poveda and the Teresian Association
2024-02-04	St. Thomas Aquinas and the Virtue of Meekness
2024-07-07	Saints Peter and Paul: Faithfulness, Steadfastness, Courage
2024-09-01	St. Augustine — The City of God
2024-11-03	Pope Leo the Great and St. Albert the Great
2024-12-01	Life Lessons from the Holy Family
2025-02-02	St. Valentine and St. John Bosco
2025-08-03	St. Ignatius de Loyola and St. Alphonsus de Liguori
2026-02-01	St. Brigid and St. Paul Miki
2026-07-05	Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen — Life Is Worth Living
2026-08-02	Complementary Charisms: Ignatian Clarity and Franciscan Tenderness

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III. Christ, the Liturgical Year, and the Sacraments

Sessions keyed to Lent, Easter, Advent, Corpus Christi, the Sacred Heart, and Christ the King keep formation inside the Church's own calendar.

2019-04-07	Catholicism (Bishop Barron)
2019-05-05	The Message of Divine Mercy
2021-03-07	The Transformational Fruits of Lent
2021-04-04	The Glory, Joy, and Meaning of Easter
2021-11-07	Christ the King — Live Our Faith in Public
2022-04-03	Lenten Reflections — The Holy Eucharist
2022-06-05	Month of the Sacred Heart
2023-03-05	Lent
2023-04-02	Divine Mercy
2023-06-04	Eucharist and Life Experiences (Fr. Gandhi)
2023-08-06	Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ
2024-04-07	Graces and Indulgences of the Divine Mercy
2024-06-02	Corpus Christi — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
2025-03-02	Lenten Practices for Pilgrims of Hope (Jubilee 2025)
2025-04-06	The Sermon on the Mount — Living the Beatitudes
2026-03-01	From Dust and Ashes to Divine Glory — Transfiguration in Lent

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IV. Evangelisation, Missionary Discipleship, and Synodality

From Extraordinary Missionary Month 2019 through the Synod on Synodality, the group has asked how a small international community in Tokyo can be "baptized and sent."

2019-08-04	Ignatian Spirituality (Fr. Robert Chiesa)
2019-09-01	Being a Missionary Disciple and Extraordinary Missionary Month
2019-11-03	1st NCAC Japan 2019 — Retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley
2020-08-02	Evangelisation and Missionary Discipleship
2020-09-06	Pontifical Missionary Union — Baptized and Sent
2021-12-05	3rd National Catholic Awareness Conference Japan
2022-02-06	Synodality — Synod 2021–2023
2022-03-06	What Is God Saying to the Church?
2022-08-07	Dialogue with the Cultures — Xavier's Evangelization Style
2022-10-02	Fearless Evangelization and the Ministry of Healing
2023-02-05	The Legion of Mary — Evangelisation from Simple Beginnings
2026-09-06	Am I My Brother's Keeper?
2026-10-04	How to Speak of Christ in the City — first proclamation, family, Mission Month

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V. The Dignity of Life, Truth, Reason, and the Signs of the Times

These sessions place Catholic moral and intellectual tradition in conversation with Japan's culture of life questions, technology, and public truth-telling.

2019-07-07	PRO-LIFE and March for Life Japan (Masaaki Ikeda)
2021-05-02	Protection of Human Life (Dr. Ligaya Acosta)
2021-07-04	The Catholic Church on Transhumanism
2022-09-04	The Splendor of Truth — Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness
2023-07-02	Faith, Science and Reason
2025-06-01	Pope Leo XIV — A Transformative Pope for the 21st Century
2025-07-06	The Catholic Church and AI
2026-06-07	Highlight Christ, Protect Humanity — Magnifica Humanitas
2026-10-04	How to Speak of Christ in the City — family as first school; AI and mental-health ministry

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