

# TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY

## 2022 Ministry Report



### ENGAGING THE PUBLIC

#### Trinity House Café + Market

For eight years now, the Trinity House Café + Market has offered the public **a vision of the renewed Christian home, family, and community**. Coffee-seekers, community groups, and harried parents find a little taste of heaven: a warm, beautiful environment where they can savor the food and drinks, pore through stacks of donated books, let the little ones play in the kids' corner, purchase religious gifts and art, enjoy a conversation, or just relax. So far in 2022,

- More than **20,000 guests have been served** at Trinity House Café!
- The café has hosted **three art exhibits** by local photographers and painters.
- Guests have availed themselves of more than **2,000 books** donated to the Café by a local supporter, whose “apostolate of books” generated a feature-length article in the *Arlington Catholic Herald*.
- In September, **six seminarians** from Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, joined the café team of baristas for their 2022-2023 Pastoral Field Education assignment. For a few hours a week, they are rolling up their sleeves to serve guests and help in the kitchen.
- Market **sales of gifts and art increased** from 16% to 20%.
- The Café was **featured in a “Locally Leesburg”** video sponsored by the Town of Leesburg.

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“Trinity House became one of the most special places in my life when I **met my now-husband there** at a Bible study.”

– Olivia Thetford,  
Trinity House Customer

“It’s like a **balm to the soul** just to stop in.”

– Kathie Josey,  
Trinity House Customer

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From left: Fr. Denis Donahue, Mark Voorheis, Ever, Kathy Pryor, Chris Le Gette, and Soren (not pictured: Christian O’Connell)

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Soren Johnson  
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## EQUIPPING PARENTS

### Heaven in Your Home Workshops & Letters

The renewal of faith and culture begins at home, in the family. Since 2019, Trinity House Community has **provided Christian parents the practical tools they need to grow their family into a loving community of persons**—modeling the self-giving life and love of the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity House Community’s *Heaven in Your Home Workshops* and weekly *Letters* **inspire families to build their own Trinity House**—our name for the domestic church—with the five levels of Faith Life, Person & Relationships, Household Economy, Family Culture, and Hospitality & Service. In 2022,

- Soren and Ever have presented in-person *Heaven in Your Home Workshops* at **10 parishes**.
- They also presented to the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee’s **Lay Formation Institute** and to over 80 teenage girls at the Diocese of Arlington’s **FIAT camp**.
- The weekly e-letter is now delivered to **1,100 subscribers** with a **55% open rate**.
- The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’** “For Your Marriage” website and e-letter featured Trinity House content throughout 2022.
- Soren’s column for the *Arlington Catholic Herald* was recognized by the Catholic Media Association with its **first-place prize** in the category of “family life column.”
- Soren and Ever are presenting a three-part series of workshops in 2022-2023 at the largest Catholic parish in Virginia, All Saints in Manassas, with over **20,000 parishioners**.

“The workshop was **God’s way of focusing me** and providing an answer to the guidance I’ve been asking for.”

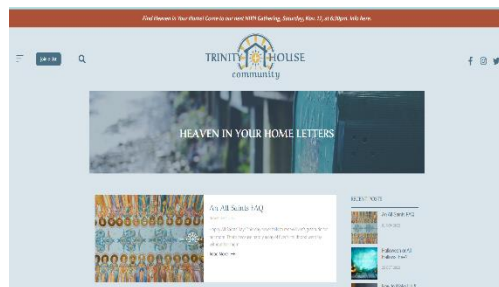
– Workshop Participant

“Ever and Soren have grounded Trinity House’s approach to finding “heaven in your home” on two profound truths . . . The first truth is that **God, the Holy Trinity, is a communion of persons**. The second truth is that the family is also a communion of persons.”

– Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Diocese of Arlington



Soren & Ever Johnson  
Founders & Directors, Trinity House Community



Francis DuBois  
Leesburg, VA



... encouraging families with Trinity House Community Groups.

The mission of the Trinity House Community is to *inspire families to make home a taste of heaven* for the renewal of faith & culture.

Find the blueprint and **build your own Trinity House** at [www.TrinityHouseCommunity.org/Blueprint](http://www.TrinityHouseCommunity.org/Blueprint)



## ENCOURAGING FAMILIES

### Trinity House Community Groups

So many social trends of past decades have wrought major damage on community life, and the pandemic didn't help. **Families need support and encouragement** to be able to live out the faith in the home, so we are intent on growing the number of Trinity House Community Groups.

Families who attend events hosted by **these groups are developing community and now have other families with whom to intentionally live out their faith.** Regular meetings give them a place to discuss Catholic marriage and family life, compare notes and encourage each other, and build bonds within their parishes. In 2022,

- Families at **St. John's Catholic Church in Leesburg, VA**, enjoyed 7 gatherings with an average participation of 50 attendees.
- A group at **St. Phillip's in Falls Church, VA**, has hosted 7 gatherings this year.
- A group at **St. Peter's in Beaufort, SC**, launched this fall.
- The **first Spanish-speaking group** (*Reuniones Del Cielo en Su Hogar*) launched monthly meetings at St. Philip's in October (pictured below).
- We are working with **prospective groups** at St. William of York in Stafford, All Saints in Manassas, and St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax.



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“It's so nice to have a parish activity **for the whole family**, not simply the moms, dads, or kids.”

– THC Group Participant

“My husband and I are grateful for the Trinity House Community Group hosted at our parish. Not only did we get some **inspiring ideas to help our family grow** in faith, but we also got to know our parish family better.”

– Ann Waterman, Leesburg

“I think the biggest blessing [from our Trinity House Group] has been the relationships we've developed. The biggest change has been having people to more **intentionally live our faith** with.”

- Karina Rook, Falls Church

“The Trinity House Community offers an integrated plan. The **5 levels of family life really provide that** – it's focused, targeted, and precise in its approach on how the family operates, how it thrives.”

- Fr. Denis Donahue, St. Philip's, Falls Church, VA

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## The World Meeting of Families in Rome: Sharing the Trinity House Vision on a Global Stage

At the invitation of the Vatican and the U.S. Bishops, Soren and Ever, along with their five children, **travelled to the Holy City for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families**. They presented on “Discernment in Daily Family Life” and learned about family ministries all over the world.

2022 was also a banner year for Trinity House in terms of media coverage: from **network cable TV to national publications and podcasts**, Soren and Ever shared Trinity House’s mission of inspiring families to make home a taste of heaven for the renewal of faith & culture. This year,

- Soren and Ever presented their talk “Discernment in Family Life” before an **audience of 4,000 at the World Meeting of Families**.
- Soren and Ever were **interviewed live from St. Peter’s Square on EWTN** during the World Meeting of Families.
- Trinity House Café and Soren and Ever’s presentation in Rome were featured by the **Catholic News Agency and in Crux online**.
- Soren’s column “Man in the Mirror” and Soren and Ever’s article “Discerning the Way to Heaven” appeared in the **Knights of Columbus Columbia magazine**, reaching over 1 million subscribers.
- Three articles by Soren and Ever, including “What the World Meeting of Families Means for Your Family,” appeared in **Aleteia** online.
- Soren and Ever will be interviewed **on EWTN’s marriage and family life show Jim & Joy at Home** in December, and Soren will share his journey of faith on **EWTN’s Coming Home Network** in November.

“Thank you for your intervention and testimony...on discernment and communion as we can live it within our families. Thank you for **this great gift to the Church.**”

– Dr. Gabriella Gambino, Under-Secretary for the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

“Thank you for all you do, and **may God continue to bless your efforts** to spread His love and glory.”

– Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco



### As seen on



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