

IX. AREAS OF INTEREST AND ONGOING RESEARCH

Home and Family Relationships

- Fathering and home life; fathering and generativity in relationships
- Healthy marital and couple relationships - practical aspects of marital preparation, transition into marriage, marital reconciliation, decision making, overcoming difficulties, etc.
- Teaching and learning in the home context

- Connectedness in parent-child relationships

Family Relationships and Stress/Loss Issues

- Child loss and effects on parent identity, behavior, and relationships
- Impact of home and farm loss on rural family identity and relationships
- Reconciliation in troubled marriage relationships

Family Life Education and Family Policy

- Educational philosophy, strategies and resources in family life education, including for father involvement and marriage/relationship education; evaluation of educational resources and programs to strengthen home and family relationships
- Domestic and international family policy - interaction of home and family with community, government, and policy contexts, with a focus on fatherhood, marriage, etc.