

SHARING Joy IN THE OF Love IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



THE CATHOLIC VISION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE is joyful, beautiful, and springs from the creative love of God. God has placed the desire for self-giving and life-giving love in every human heart. Our desire for love is an invitation to share in the love of God that never ends. Sharing in the Joy of Love is a plan to invite everyone to intentionally hold up God's plan for marriage and family life as a vital source of the Church's missionary zeal and healing power for those who are hurting.

YOU CAN PLAN TO SHARE IN THE JOY

PRAY TOGETHER AND FOR EACH OTHER

In addition to attending Mass, families can make it a plan grow in grace by praying together in their homes during the week including setting aside time to read Scripture, families can go together to confession, seek out spiritual direction, and take retreats together.

COUPLES CAN HELP COUPLES

Couples from the same parish can regularly gather in their own homes for faith sharing and prayer to be a source of mutual support, strength, and encouragement in helping each other grow. Older spouses can mentor the engaged in marriage preparation and spouses with older children can strengthen those with younger children.

REACH OUT TO HURTING FAMILIES

Patiently and lovingly accompany families that are hurting with special concern to help each person find his or her proper way of participating in the parish and experience being touched by mercy. While certain family situations will have limitations on the extent of participation in the life of the Church, encourage them to speak with clergy to better understand their situation, learn how to love as fully as possible in the life-giving love of the parish, and to seek the Lord's mercy to overcome obstacles to communion.



Cardinal Wuerl has written a Pastoral Plan to teach and celebrate the gift and joy of love in the family and help families that are hurting.

At its heart, the pastoral plan applies the vision of Pope Francis' letter *Amoris Laetitia* to parish ministry and family life.

The plan has five parts:

Part I
Amoris Laetitia's Teaching

Part II
The Way of Faith and Contemporary Culture

Part III
The Way of Accompaniment

Part IV
The Importance of Parish Life

Part V
Resources in Service of the Ministry of Accompaniment

See the pastoral plan, resources, and more at www.adw.org/amorislaetitia

