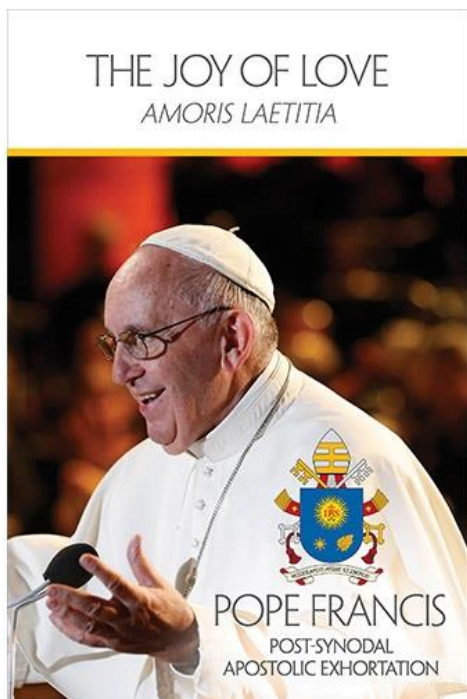




# Called to the Joy of Love: A Pastoral Framework *for* Marriage & Family Life Ministry

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Chairman  
*Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth*



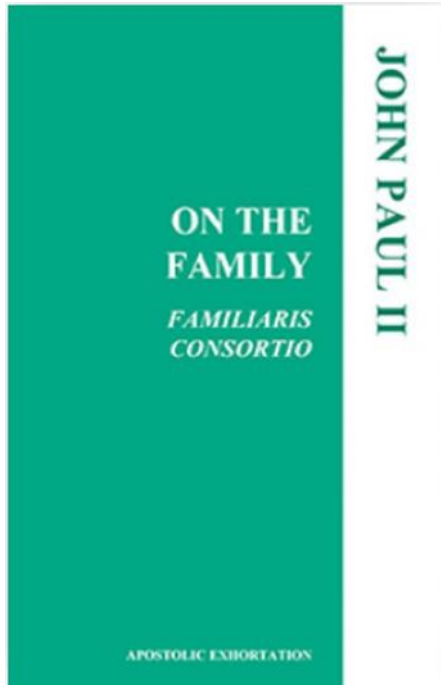
## Year of Amoris Laetitia Family (2021-2022)



This special year of attention to the family coincides with the fifth anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*.



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“aware that the well-being of society and her own good are intimately tied to the good of the family, **the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family**, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God.” (FC, n. 3)



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It is timely therefore,  
that, as a body of bishops, we seek in every way  
possible to implement this **national pastoral  
framework for marriage and family life  
ministry** within our diocese or eparchy.



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The national pastoral framework is a highly practical guidebook to serving our couples and families by offering an **adaptable set of principles and strategies for pastoral care.**



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You are asked to review this framework with your diocesan staff and clergy to implement it based on the needs of couples and families that you serve.

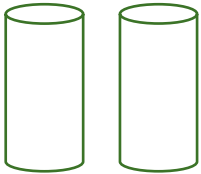


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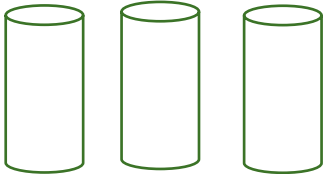
# 4 Pillars for strengthening marriages and family life



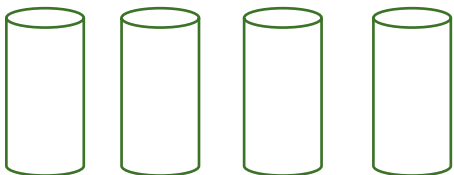
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Formation



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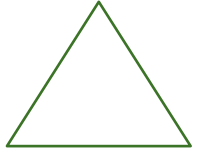
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*Today, pastoral leaders face the challenge of addressing numerous marital and family situations that are more complex than in previous decades. The framework addresses many challenging areas by providing guidelines for pastoral care.*



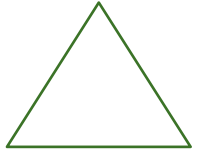
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## 3 Areas of Attention



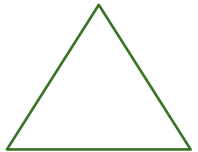
Educate

What: *catechetical principles, knowledge, and skills that form the foundation of pastoral care*



Encourage

Who: *pastoral workers and those they serve*



Engage

How: *to implement principles of pastoral care*



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# Distribution

- ✓ Electronic copy available at [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org)
- ✓ Printed copies in English and Spanish
- ✓ Chancery offices
- ✓ National organizations and ministries
- ✓ Ecclesial movements
- ✓ Catholic education



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# Implementation

- ✓ Pre-inventory evaluation tool
- ✓ Parish resource toolkit
- ✓ Designated website



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# Education and Formation

- ✓ Diocesan consultations
- ✓ Regional convocations
- ✓ Webinar series
- ✓ Supplemental resources
- ✓ Collaborative efforts with NACFLM and other associations



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# Funding

**The Catholic Marriage Initiatives Fund** is pleased to announce the availability of **\$1 Million** in matching funds to be provided on a competitive basis to Catholic dioceses or eparchies within the United States **that seek to implement key elements of the framework.**

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*“The joy of love  
experienced by  
families is also  
the joy of the  
Church.”*

AL, n. 1

