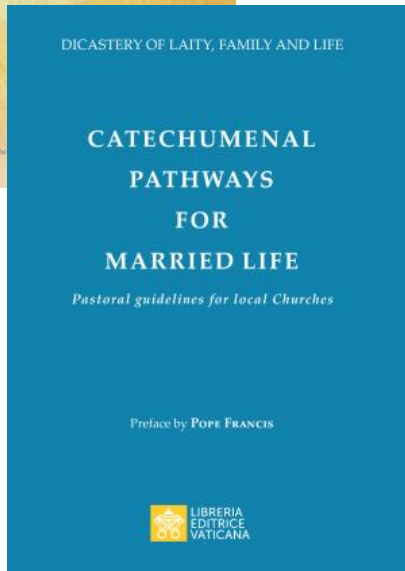
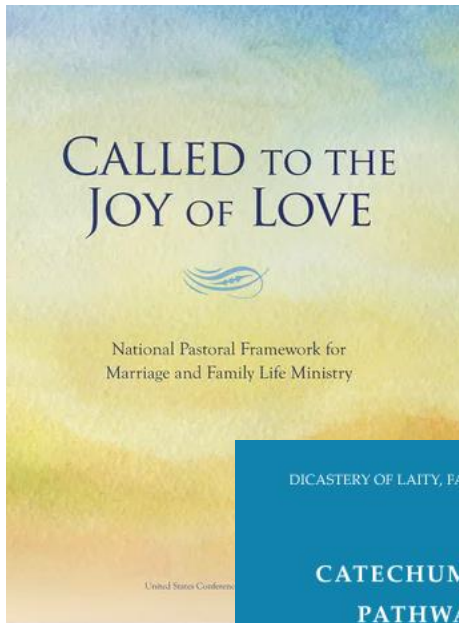




Catechumenal Pathways  
for Married Life  
&  
Called to the Joy of Love:  
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Implications for  
Marriage & Family Life Ministry

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# An Opportunity to Strengthen Marriage Preparation

- *Called to the Joy of Love* encouraged our Church and faithful in the U.S. to proclaim the joyful Gospel of the family with creativity and courage.
- *Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life* published by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life calls for a new catechumenate for marriage preparation already desired by Pope John Paul II in *Familiaris Consortio*.









# *Catechumenal Pathways* proposes a new pastoral model

- Includes **general principles** and a comprehensive **pastoral proposal**.
- **Adaptable** to the reality of each local Church.
- **Not** another program, but a new **pastoral approach**.
- **Complements and reinforces** *Called to the Joy of Love*



# MARRIAGE CATECHUMENATE PATHWAYS

## CATECHUMENAL

PRE-CATECHUMENAL	INTERMEDIATE	PROXIMATE	FINAL	FIRST YEARS	CRISIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundational</li> <li>• Childhood</li> <li>• Discernment</li> <li>• Establish a solid foundation for a future vocation and discipleship [27]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerygmatic</li> <li>• Welcoming</li> <li>• ~14 months from wedding</li> <li>• Engagement</li> <li>• Achieve a personalized and exciting encounter with the candidates [38]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~12 months from wedding</li> <li>• Engagement</li> <li>• Betrothal ritual</li> <li>• Begin initiating couples into the Sacrament of Marriage [48]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~2-3 months from wedding</li> <li>• Matrimony</li> <li>• Ratify freedom, conscience, and sacredness of marriage [57]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 months</li> <li>• Parenting</li> <li>• Effectively accompany the first years of married life [74]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adulthood</li> <li>• Care</li> <li>• Prevent crises from becoming unsalvageable [87]</li> </ul>
Remote [CL, 12]	Proximate [CL, 13]	Immediate Marriage Preparation [CL, 14]	Final Marriage Preparation [CL, 14]	First Years of Marriage [CL, 16]	
					

# Implications of marriage preparation based on the *Catechumenate model*:

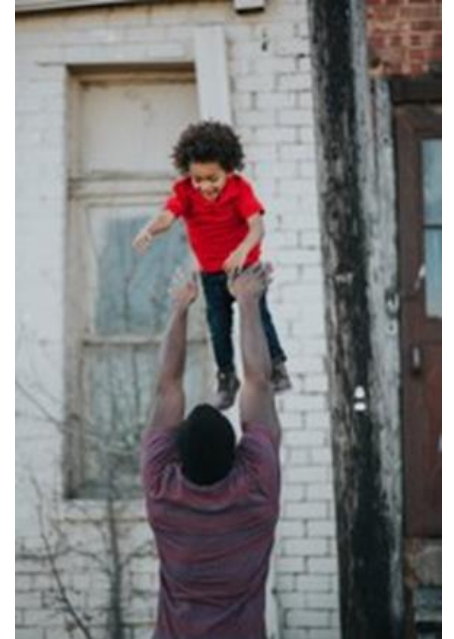
- **Kerygma: personal encounter** with Jesus Christ (evangelizing opportunity)
- **Calm: sufficient time** for couples to reflect and mature (stages of preparation marked by rites of passage (rituals) within specific timeframes)
- **Co-responsibility:** on behalf of the entire parish to support the engaged couple (a marriage building parish)

Each diocese/eparchy is asked to pilot a marriage catechumenate pathways/program



# The Future of the Family is the Future of the Church

- Millennials from married homes are **78%** more likely to attend church than peers from unmarried homes.
- A study of former Catholics found that **74% left the faith** between the **ages of 10 and 20**, with **age 13** being the median age when kids 'check out' of the faith.
- **82%** of Catholic parishes spend **\$0** on **marriage and relationship ministry**.



# The Future of the Family is the Future of the Church

- Increasing disaffiliation *among engaged couples and married couples of all ages*
- Family Life is the *most underserved ministry in the Church today*
- Strong marriages = strong families



➤ Decline in the family results in a decline in the Faith



# Funding Opportunity

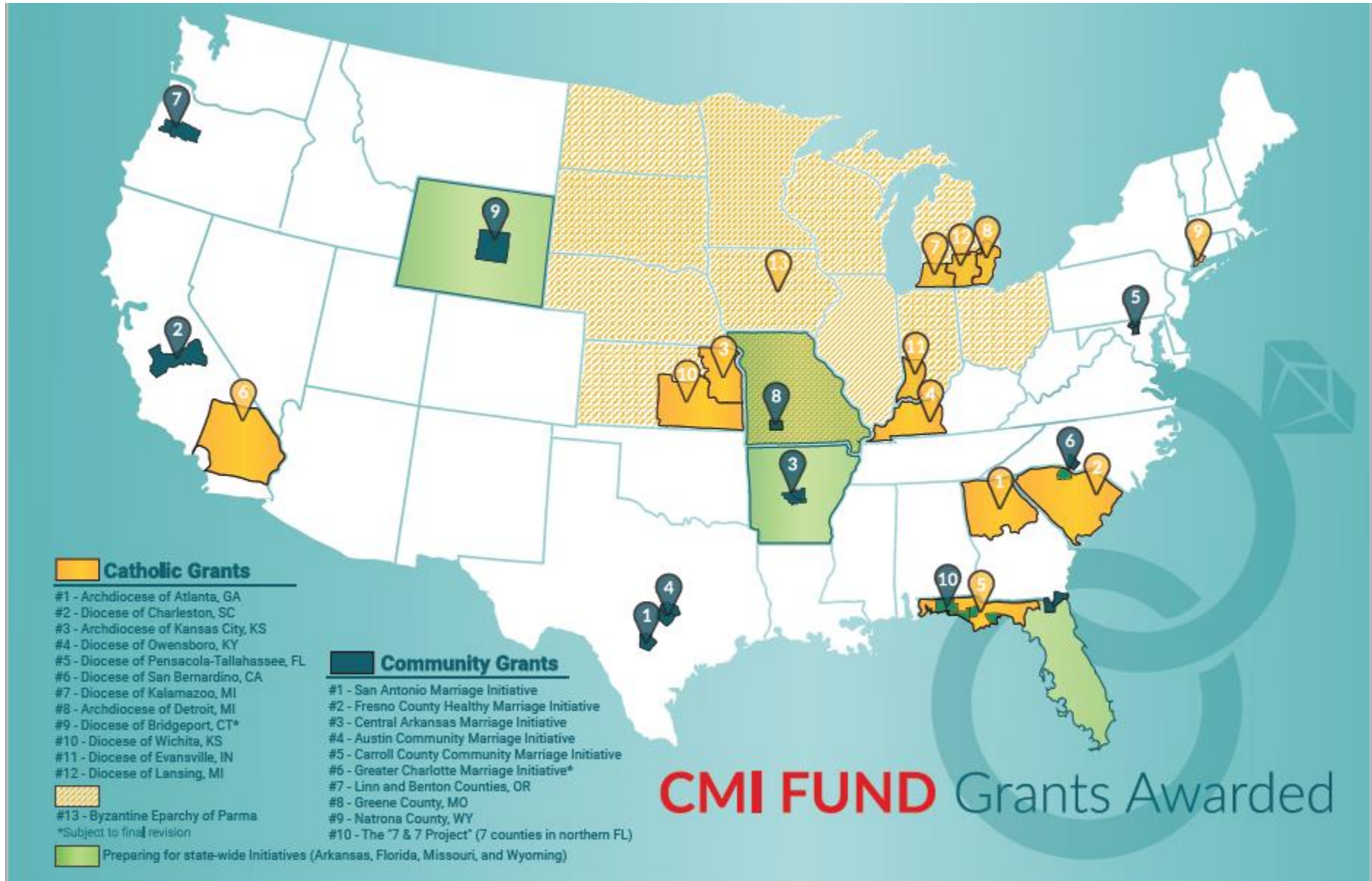
**The Catholic Marriage Initiatives Fund** is pleased to announce the availability of **\$1 Million** in matching funds to be provided on a competitive basis to Catholic dioceses or eparchies within the United States **that seek to implement key elements of the framework.** Deadlines in December and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

Apply now at [CatholicMarriageFund.org](https://CatholicMarriageFund.org)





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The CMI Fund wants to increase the availability and participation in high quality **Catholic Marriage Ministries** balanced between Vision, Skills and Support!

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to (Arch)Dioceses and Eparchies throughout the United States to carry-out Marriage Ministries as outlined in the National Pastoral Framework for Marriage & Family Life Ministry: *Called to the Joy of Love!*

**The next Application Deadlines are:**

**December 10** with Award Announcement  
**January 10, 2023**

**April 10** with Award Announcement  
**May 10, 2023**

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

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