

Diocese of Rockford
Life and Family Evangelization Office

Key Marriage Ministry Resources

Living as Missionary Disciples: Resource for Evangelization. Prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, 2017. Provides principles of evangelization and missionary discipleship, with resources designed for pastoral leaders to develop, enhance, and review their own local strategies to create an evangelizing parish. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/living-missionary-disciples>

Familiaris consortio (The fellowship of the family: On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World). Apostolic Exhortation by Pope St. John Paul II, 1981. On the ideal meaning and role of marriage and family and outlines the challenges in meeting that ideal. https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_19811122_familiaris-consortio.html

Amoris laetitia (The Joy of Love). Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, 2016. Topics related to marriage and family life, as well as the contemporary challenges faced by families throughout the world. It encourages both pastors and laity to accompany and care for families and others in need. https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia.html

Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life: Pastoral guidelines for local Churches. The Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, 2022. Answer to Pope Francis' repeated calls for a renewal of marriage preparation modeled on the catechumenate, which for adults precedes the Sacraments of Initiation – the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/amoris-laetitia/OrientamentiCatecumenatomatrimoniale/Catechumenal%20Pathways_ENG.pdf

Catholic Conference of Illinois. The public policy arm of the six Illinois bishops. <https://www.ilcatholic.org/>.

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