

Office of Laity & Family Life



Serving You & Your Parish
Ministries
Resources

About Us

Office of Laity & Family Life



- *Count on our prayers.*
- *Tell us how we can help.*
- *Call for more information.*

Our Mission Statement

The Office of Laity & Family Life supports parishes, agencies, and other apostolates in their mission to enrich the domestic Church by sharing the Catholic faith with the lay faithful and their families. Our mission, based on faith, hope and love, is guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by Christ in the Eucharist, and grounded in the universal call to holiness!

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Evangelization Ministry

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!

An Archdiocesan-wide initiative inspired by *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*: prayer, study, generosity, and evangelization. archstl.org/dynamic

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Parish Missionary Disciples

An initiative to form parish leaders in the New Evangelization

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Parish Evangelization Support

Ongoing collaboration with parishes to increase vibrancy and outreach

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Evangelization Workshops

Archdiocesan-wide and parish-specific workshops to educate Catholics in the New Evangelization

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Catholic Men for Christ Annual Conference

Engages, educates and encourages Catholic men to live their faith. www.catholicmenforchrist.org

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Catholic Women for Christ Annual Conference

An opportunity for women to enrich their Catholic faith and respond to God's universal call to holiness

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Evangelization Resources

Reborn DVD Series

www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/reborn-home-edition-dvd-set

This series reminds us of the beauty of our Baptism and covers its Scriptural and historical basis, an explanation of the rite, and the role of parents and Godparents.

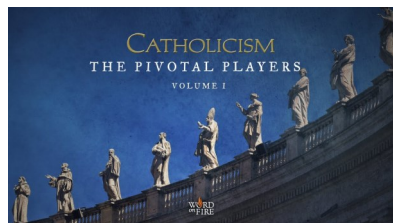


That Man is You

This program is tailored for men's spirituality groups and transforms the spiritual and family lives of men so that they can become authentic male leaders in the Church.



Catholicism—The Pivotal Players –Bishop Barron's series tells the tales of some of the Catholic Church's most influential people and shows how we can emulate their examples in our own time.



Relit- a DVD series that trains your core group of parishioners how to evangelize and reach the rest of the parish in their current ministries... the 5% reaching the other 95%

relit

Family Life Ministry

Bereavement Ministry

We support parishes by training facilitators of *Seasons of Hope* Support Groups; we provide further Q&A support and formation for the trained facilitators; we help publicize support groups; and sample programs for parishes to review.

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Divorced/Separated Ministry

We support parishes by training facilitators of *Catholic's Divorced Survival Guide* Support Groups; we provide further Q&A support and formation for the trained facilitators; we help publicize support groups; and sample programs for parishes to review

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

ascensionpress.com

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Family Life Ministry — cont.

How to Pray as a Couple Workshops

We offer help, support, and training to couples who seek to begin Marriage Enrichment Ministries in their parishes. We recommend marriage retreats and speakers on marriage and parenting. We also will help publicize Marriage Enrichment events throughout the Archdiocese.

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Parish Marriage Enrichment Support

Call our office for a list of Catholic marriage counselors. We provide ongoing collaboration with parishes to increase vibrancy and outreach.

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Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Mass celebrated each fall honoring couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50-plus anniversary

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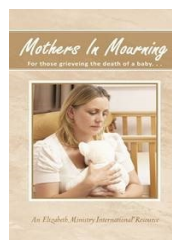
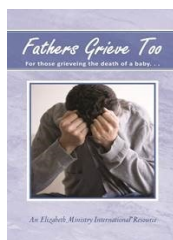
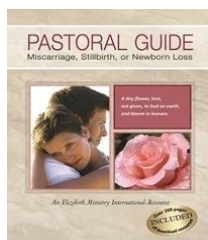
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Family Life Resources

Bereavement

Seasons of Hope—This is a versatile program that can be used for various types of grief, along with other resources.

avemariapress.com



Pastoral Guide—Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Newborn Loss

Fathers Grieve Too—For those grieving the death of a baby

Mothers In Mourning—For those grieving the death of a baby

For those grieving a loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death.

Grandparents



Call our office for information on how to establish a Catholic Grandparents Association group in your parish/deanery.

Family Life Resources — cont.

Marriage Enrichment

Beloved

augustineinstitute.org



The Choice Wine

thechoicewine.org



Covenant of Love

<http://covenantoflove.org/>



World Wide Marriage Encounter <http://www.wwme.org/>

Retrouvaille <http://retrouvaille.org/>

SPIN (SPiritual INTimacy in Marriage)

<http://genesis-ministry.org/retreats>

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Motherhood

Momnipotent

momnipotentstudy.com



The Office of Laity & Family Life supports mothers within parishes/deaneries who would like to begin a group for Young Mothers.

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Same-Sex Attraction

Invited to Courageous Love

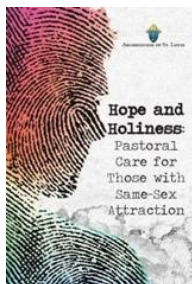
DVD Series

couragec.org



Desire of the Everlasting Hills

everlastinghills.org



Hope and Holiness: Pastoral Care for Those with Same-Sex Attraction

Book to assist people to apply the teachings and care of the Church to very specific pastoral situations of same-sex attraction.

Marriage is... Website with numerous resources

<http://archstl.org/marriage>

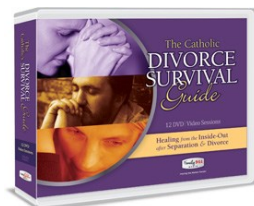
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Separated/Divorced

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

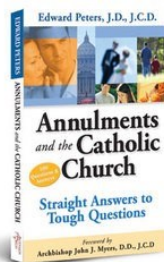
ascensionpress.com

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Annulments and the Catholic Church

Book By Edward Peters, J.D., J.C.D.
Straight Answers to Tough Questions
about Annulments.



Videos on Annulments

Check out these new short videos on annulments. The first video is a general introduction to annulments, and the second video briefly answers a few of the most common questions people have about the annulment process: <http://archstl.org/laityandfamilylife/page/ministry-separated-widowed-or-divorced>.

Visit our website for other resources for Separated/Divorced Ministry:

<http://archstl.org/laityandfamilylife/page/ministry-separated-widowed-or-divorced>

Marriage Preparation Ministry

Marriage Preparation

Provides classes using the *Joy-Filled Marriage* program to help couples prepare for their marriage

Marriage Preparation Parish Mentor Training

Training on the *Joy-Filled Marriage* preparation program for parish mentors upon request

Remarriage Preparation

Referral to a Catholic counselor to provide special remarriage preparation upon request.

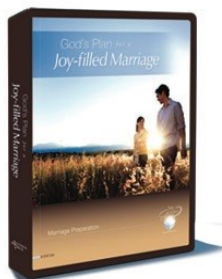
Parish Marriage Preparation Support

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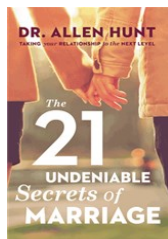
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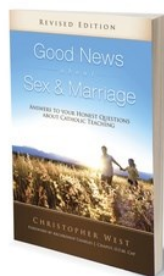
Joy-Filled Marriage Marriage Preparation Program by Ascension Press <http://shop.ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/marriage-preparation>



The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage
by Dr. Allen Hunt



Good News About Sex & Marriage
by Christopher West

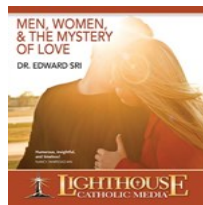


7 Reasons Why... Living Together is NOT a Good Idea
omf@gw.stcdio.org
St. Louis Review- 3 months free subscription

Marriage Preparation Resources — cont.

Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love

CD by Dr. Edward Sri



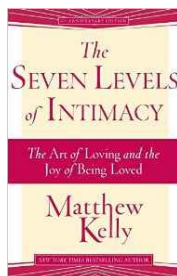
Green Sex: The Case for Natural Family Planning

CD by Jason Evert

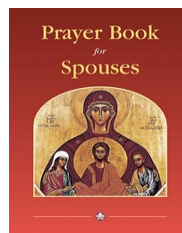


The 7 Levels of Intimacy

CD by Matthew Kelly



Prayer Book for Spouses from Ignatius Press



Married Love and the Gift of Life

Brochure from the USCCB

Prayer Process Cards from Dynamic Catholic

What Can Natural Family Planning do for you?

<http://stouisnfp.org>

A Dozen Differences Between Natural Family Planning and Contraception <http://stouisnfp.org>

Other Ministries

Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Recognition Awards

Annual celebration of the unique gifts of women who foster a community of service, life and love

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Parish Council Development

Programs, training and support for Parish Councils

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Newsletters Disciples' Dispatch

Monthly email newsletter

The Great Commission

Bi-monthly evangelization email newsletter

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beONE

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A bold vision for Catholic St. Louis

The beONE Prayer

Eternal Father,
at the Last Supper your Son prayed
that all who bear His name might be one.
Send the Holy Spirit upon us to make us one in Christ.
Strengthen our faith in you.
Lead us to love one another.
Unite our service to our brothers and sisters.
And join us together as we build your Church in our midst.
Take away divisions that hinder our unity in Christ,
so we may, with one mind and voice,
as members of one body, praise and glorify you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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