

THE JOY OF LOVE

Celebrating the Year of Amoris Laetitia



The Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed.
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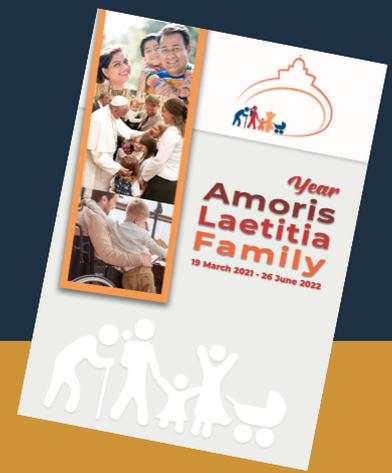
On March 19, 2021, the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family.

On the same day, Pope Francis will launch the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, which will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

To mark the 5 years since the release of the document Pope Francis invited all to a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of the attention of both Church and society. He said, today we will begin a 10-month journey undertaken together to talk about the beauty of being a family.

Everyone is called to lovingly care for the life of the family, because families are never a problem, they are always a gift and, in terms of the future, they are an opportunity. Each video is accompanied by a guide that can be used flexibly, in a variety of different ways. This tool is intended to be helpful for pastoral ministry to families and contains proposals and suggestions that can be adapted to the local situation. The objective is to nurture reflection, dialogue, and pastoral practice and, at the same time, to provide encouragement, stimulus and help to families in their spiritual and concrete daily lives.

To see what the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life have developed they have offered a guide which can be found [here >>>](#)



Pope Francis will be inviting us to rediscover the joy within our family lives through the release of a short video every month.

The video can be found [here >>>](#)

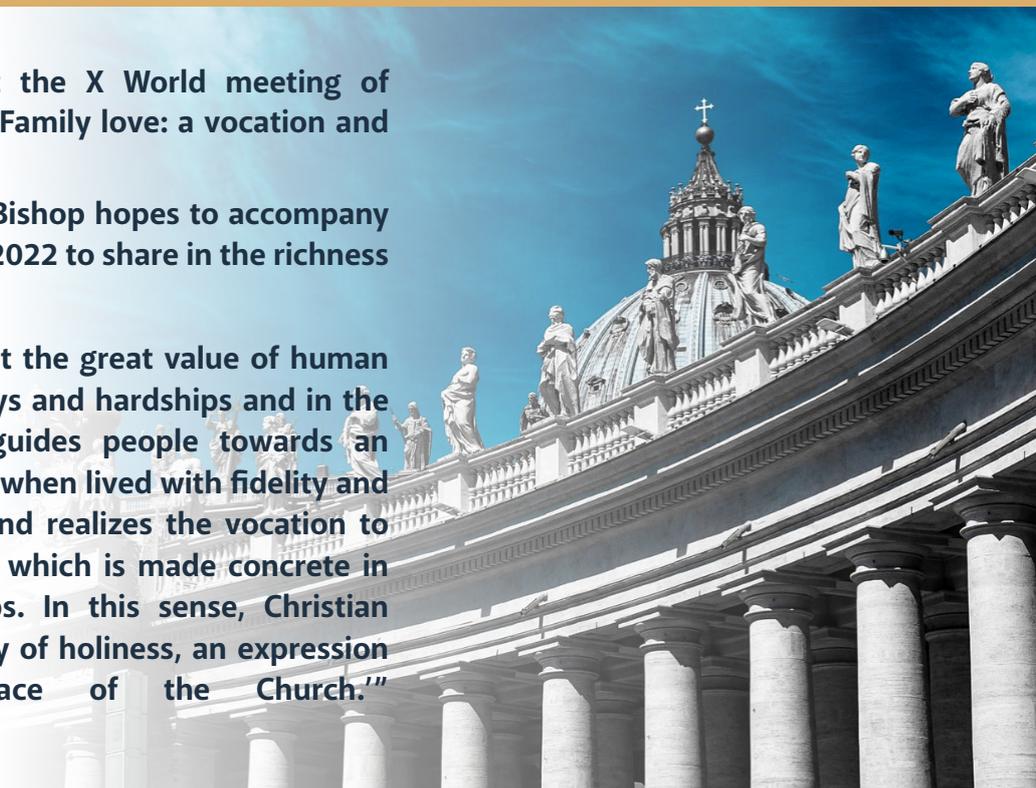
Each video is accompanied by a guide that can be used in a variety of different ways, by families or communities. The four different sections offer different moments for reflection and conversation.

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The year concludes in Rome at the X World meeting of Families, the theme for which is "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness".

As part of our Diocesan plan the Bishop hopes to accompany a group of people to Rome in July 2022 to share in the richness of this celebration.

"Marriage and the family manifest the great value of human relationships, in the sharing of joys and hardships and in the unfolding of daily life, which guides people towards an encounter with God. This journey, when lived with fidelity and perseverance, strengthens love and realizes the vocation to holiness, proper to every person, which is made concrete in conjugal and family relationships. In this sense, Christian family life is a vocation and a way of holiness, an expression of the 'most beautiful face of the Church.'" (Gaudete et Exsultate 9)



The Pontiff assured prayers "that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties".