



Celebrate National Marriage Week 2017 with *Amoris Laetitia*

National Marriage Week:

Every February 7-14, it is an opportunity to promote, celebrate and strengthen marriage

Amoris Laetitia:

Pope Francis's exhortation "*The Joy of Love*," (April 2016) about marriage and family life

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- "The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (no. 29).
 - "Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth" (no. 30).
 - "No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole" (no. 52).
 - "The sacrament [of marriage] is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses" (no. 72).
 - "The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches" (no. 87).
 - "In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another" (no. 100).
 - "Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being" (no. 128).

For more resources on *Amoris Laetitia*, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/amoris-laetitia.cfm

For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit www.foryourmarriage.org



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