



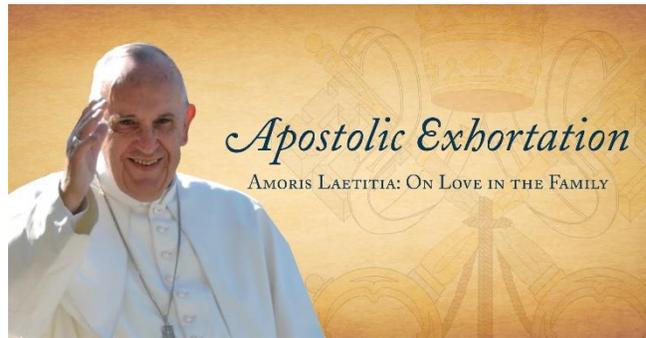
Dept. of Evangelization &
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Webinar Series on Accompanying Families now archived for viewing and study:

Thanks to our colleagues at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and Strong Catholic Families/Strong Catholic Youth their excellent series on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* has now been archived for you to review and study.



This series is presented in four parts. Each part has two sessions. The audience for this webinar educational series is ministry leaders, teachers, catechists, parents and clergy joining others around the nation focusing on the pastoral implementation of Pope Francis' vision on the family.

The sessions in the series are:

- Session 1 – Listening to the Joys and Hungers of Families with Dr. Tim Hogan, Director of Grace Counseling Center in Detroit
- Session 2 – Accompanying Families with Bishop Richard Malone from the Diocese of Buffalo
- Session 3 – Assisting Families in Discerning God's Movement with Julianne Stanz from the Diocese of Green Bay
- Session 4 – Engaging for Mission with Cardinal Donald Wuerl from the Archdiocese of Washington

Each session includes the master video, a recording of the panel discussion with slides and most include handouts and resources. It is an investment in time but I found the series very enlightening and helped create many "aha" moments as I visit parishes around our diocese and listen to ways we can continue to be innovative and pastoral in our outreach to parish families.

The link for this webinar series is

<http://www.strongcatholicfamilies.org/amoriswebinar/index.htm>

Confirmation Retreat Update:

Due to scheduling issues around Shelby County's spring break, the local leaders will be having their own retreat within the week rather than on the weekend. There are still openings available for the March 12 retreat that will be held at St. John's parish in Greenfield from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The retreat facilitator is Jessica Maciel Hernandez.

Please contact me at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org if you are interested in having your youth attend this upcoming session.



Family Faith Formation & Evangelization Survey from John Roberto:



I am writing with a special request from our good friend and colleague John Roberto asking you to participate in a national survey on evangelization and faith formation with families.

The Evangelization Committee of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) is undertaking this study to understand how parishes and schools are involved in the evangelization and faith formation of families and parents/grandparents. We are asking for some demographic information to start,

then your approach to families, how you engage families through the parish or school, and how you reach families at home. We conclude with an open-ended question about the challenges you face in the evangelization and faith formation of families.

Go to SurveyMonkey to complete the survey online. Please complete the survey by March 1, 2017. The link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWQ7FQZ>

New State Laws Require Religious Publishers to charge sales tax:

Recently many of you may have received a notification from Tom Primmer from RCL Benziger about charging sales tax for purchases beginning January 1, 2017. RCL Benziger isn't the only publisher that is affected by this change. Please know that parishes are not exempt from sales tax although our parish schools are. If you are considering updating your series and you have a parish school, it would save you a little money to purchase your series together for the needs of the parish community and the school community.



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