

National Marriage Week 2020

Stories from the Domestic Church



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Sunday, February 9th is World Marriage Day, an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

National Marriage Week is celebrated from February 7-14. This year's theme is "Stories from the Domestic Church."

What is a "Domestic Church"?

Every family is called to be a place of prayer, service, and love—a "little Church of the home." Families naturally do this in their day-to-day lives: "The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures" (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 315). They do this by strengthening the bonds of love among their members, and by asking the Lord's presence into their homes.

Check out www.foryourmarriage.org for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. #MarriageWeek

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Marriage is something
so beautiful and so
wonderful that we
have to look after it,
because it is forever.

—POPE FRANCIS, FEBRUARY 2014

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