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To: Priests, Deacons, Parish Administrators, Marriage and Family-Life Ministers

From: Daniel West, Marriage, Family and Pastoral Care, Office of Formation & Discipleship

Re: 2017 National Marriage Week Resources

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) highlights various resources for National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2017) to assist you and your parish. All of the items listed below can be found on the USCCB's [website](#).

Preaching Resource – Based on the readings for World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 12th.

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty - During National Marriage Week, parishes can consider promoting Friday, February 10th as a day of prayer and sacrifice. More about the Call to Prayer is available at www.usccb.org/pray.

Bulletin Insert – Featuring quotes from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

Virtual Marriage Retreat – The third annual online seven-day retreat for married couples during National Marriage Week.

Resource Websites – As always, the USCCB websites [For Your Marriage](#), [Por Tu Matrimonio](#), and [Marriage: Unique for a Reason](#) have many resources for engaged and married couples as well as those who would like to promote and defend the meaning of marriage.

National Marriage Week USA – The organizers of National Marriage Week host a nationwide calendar of marriage programs, events, and conferences on their website: <http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org>.

For more information regarding these resources, please contact 404-920-7631 or dwest@archatl.com.