

The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) is excited to release this third edition of the **MARRIAGE-BUILDING Resource Guide** for use in the implementation of the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

We believe it will be a valuable help for your parish in the work of promoting, strengthening, healing and reconciling marriages. When asked by its Secretariat on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth to take the lead in what needs to be a major Marriage Movement in the Church, NACFLM has responded with a Pastoral Strategy using Eight Building Blocks, a yearly National Conference open to all, and this Resource Guide, all to assist every Parish in the United States in becoming a "Marriage-Building" Parish.

In the words of our U.S. Bishops:

**"WE PLEDGE to be a Marriage-Building Church
Drawing strength from God's grace
while using creatively the gifts and resources Entrusted to us"**

MARRIAGE:

Love and Life in the Divine Plan, USCCB

This Resource Guide is designed for use by a Pastor, Deacon, Parish Staff, and/or Marriage Committee. In the center fold you will find the Eight Building Blocks of a Marriage Building Parish with suggestions for each. They are: **BUILDING** Leadership; **FORMING** Youth & Young Adults; **PREPARING** for Sacramental Marriage; **CREATING** a culture of Life; **STRENGTHENING** the Married; **PASTORAL CARING** through times of Stress, Difficulty of Loss; **DIVORCE HEALING**; and **WORSHIPPING & PRAYER**. Each reflect areas of parish vitality and support the work so very needed to promote, strengthen and protect marriage.



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