



witness to love

Civil Marriage Initiative

CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES JOURNEY TO THE ALTAR GUIDE

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Join the *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative* movement in the pursuit of a sacramental marriage!

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Meet with your priest or deacon and share the *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative* About Flyer with him.
• All resources can be found at witnesslove.org/civilmarriage.

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Choose a mentor couple to grow in relationship and journey with throughout your sacramental marriage formation.
• Your chosen mentor couples should be active in their Church parish and have a marriage that you admire! Find guidelines for choosing your mentor couple at witnesslove.org/civilmarriage.

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Order *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative* materials online at witnesslove.org/civilmarriage. Civilly married couples and mentor couples meet monthly for formation using the *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative* workbook and videos.
• Couples meet 4 times over 3-6 months; 3 meetings occur prior to the sacramental wedding day and one occurs after.

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Attend a couples retreat!
• The retreat is optional but highly encouraged, particularly after couples complete Chapter 2 of the workbook. *We recommend: An existing parish or diocese's marriage enrichment retreat or *United in Love, United in Christ*.*

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Mentor couple hosts civilly married couple and clergy for dinner in their home; Couples discuss the Sacrament of Marriage, friendship, and virtue.

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Wedding Day!

Gift your spouse with the ability to receive the grace of sacramental marriage and God's greatest gift to you both— the Holy Eucharist.

