



Pulpit Announcement

Good Morning/Evening,

I am **Name** and this is my wife, **Name**. **Church Name** Parish has been using *Witness to Love*, a marriage formation program for its parishioners, for **blank #** of years. This marriage preparation program is offered to all engaged couples as well as civilly married couples seeking sacramental marriage in our Church parish. **Name** and I are the *Witness to Love* marriage prep coordinators.

Witness to Love is a Parish Marriage Prep Renewal Movement that gives parishes, dioceses, and mentor couples, the tools that they need to prepare engaged couples for a marriage that will last. Specifically it is a tool for parishes that want to welcome engaged couples into parish life by building a support system for them as a part of their marriage prep.

We would like to announce and introduce to you a **NEW PROGRAM** from Witness to Love called **The Civil Marriage Initiative**. The Civil Marriage Initiative program is **Sacramental Marriage Formation for Couples in Civil Unions**.

The goal of **The Civil Marriage Initiative** is to reach couples in civil unions seeking convalidation, or to get their marriage blessed, in the Catholic Church. The Civil Marriage Initiative wants to give these civilly married couples a sacramental marriage formation experience that is personal, inviting, timely, engaging and allows a space for growth. The Civil Marriage Initiative exists so that we can walk with and provide formation to couples in civil unions seeking convalidation in the Catholic Church.

We know that successful marriages do not “just happen.” Good marriage formation can provide the foundation for a lifelong, happy, fruitful marriage. We believe *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative* can provide this profound, transformative experience for couples in civil unions seeking to have their marriage blessed.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in having their marriage blessed and going through *Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative*, please share with them the pew cards located in your pews, have them visit witnessstolove.org/civilmarriage, or simply have them call the Church Office.

Again, we believe *Witness to Love* formation for civilly married couples who desire sacramental marriage can be profound and transformative. Your prayers of support for the couples of our parish, program coordinators and clergy are encouraged and appreciated. Thank you for your time.