

## **COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **Dear Witness to Love Family,**

We are keeping you in prayer and we pray that you stay healthy! A number of you have reached out with questions and suggestions for couples going through WTL during this time. We encourage you to use creativity as you work to adapt to this relational process for the next few months.

Here are a few tips...

Witness to Love recommendations for parish leaders throughout this time of social distancing include:

- If couples are not able to pick up materials at the parish office, they may order a Couples Marriage Prep Set or CMI Formation set from our online shop <a href="here">here</a> and have it delivered to their home address. If concerned about how to get materials to the mentor couple by mail then leave in the mailbox or arrange a pick up location. Engaged couple keeps 2 workbooks and the mentor couple receives one workbook and Mentor's Journey book and the Mentor's Instructional Letter. All of these items are in a marriage prep set. If the engaged couple orders the set then please ask them to select your church parish and diocese from the drop down options and their video access in the app will be put in your parish account so you can track their progress. Please ask the couple to let you know when they place the order so you can email them the course license invitation to the app.
- Marriage prep coordinators should Skype, Zoom or Facetime the Introductory/Coaching Session with Engaged and Mentor Couples.
- Send F/U Email #2 with details and attached Scavenger Hunt List you may need to amend your scavenger hunt to include parish virtual mass or EWTN schedule here.
- If the Engaged and Mentor couples are able to safely meet for monthly meetings, then we
  encourage them to continue doing so; otherwise, we recommend Skype or Facetime for
  these meetings.
- The WTL retreat portion may be offered virtually using <u>Be More: A Marriage Formation</u>
   <u>Retreat by Witness to Love</u>. All couples have access to this retreat via the new app
   platform by tapping 'Open Registration' from the main menu.
- **Theology Discussion Night** gatherings with clergy should be done via Skype, Zoom or Facetime, but do not skip them.
- Please share any streaming Mass, opportunities for drive in Confession or other ways to keep couples connected to the Church and continue building community. Zoom is a great way to bring couples together for conversation and support during this time. Share items from the WTL FB page and consider coordinating a <u>Be Light</u> event for couples.
- Here are a few ways to **keep parishes connected to couples** during this time: *Parish Rosary, drive through confession, drive up adoration, home blessings (from the outside only), virtual retreats, FB Live, Litany of the Sick.*
- Should couples postpone their wedding? Here is a video from WTL Pastor Fr. Victor Perez with some suggestions. Watch <a href="here">here</a> and share this <a href="here">article</a>.

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