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Diocesan/Eparchial Marriage and Family Life   
Inventory

In preparation for the release of the forthcoming **National Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Life Ministry**, the Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has created this **Diocesan/Eparchial Marriage and Family Life Inventory** **to assist your diocese/eparchy in identifying resources that are currently available to couples preparing for marriage, married couples, and families.** The inventory mirrors the four pillars of the Pastoral Framework: Prayer and Relationship with Christ, Formation, Accompaniment, and Advocacy.

**Please use this inventory to prepare the process of implementing the Pastoral Framework by evaluating the needs in your diocese/eparchy that are the most significant.** This inventory is specifically for diocesan/eparchial\* staff to assess the services and resources available at the diocesan/eparchial level and make note of those services that may be currently available *only* in parishes. **A modified version of this inventory will be made available for parishes shortly.**

**Note: although this inventory is primarily for your internal diocesan/eparchial use, the information gathered will assist the USCCB Marriage and Family Life Office. Further optional information and instructions are included at the end of this inventory. Thank you! For any questions concerning this inventory, please contact Julia Dezelski, Assistant Director for Marriage and Family Life:** [**jdezelski@usccb.org**](mailto:jdezelski@usccb.org)**.**

*\*from here on diocese or diocesan also includes eparchy or eparchial*

1. **Prayer and Relationship with Christ**

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| **Programs focused on living the vocation of marriage and family life** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Family catechesis on living the vocation of marriage/family life with topics such as prayer, virtue, the lives of the saints, etc. |  |  |
| Instruction in prayerful discernment for dating couples, engaged couples, married couples, and families |  |  |
| Celebratory events and days of reflection or formation for couples and families |  |  |
| Opportunities to volunteer as a family in charitable works, service projects, or forms of evangelization in the community |  |  |
| Organized pilgrimages for families to a local holy place or shrine |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Programs focused on the Domestic Church** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Days of celebration and formation such as 'Domestic Church Days;’ may include prayer, catechesis, children's activities, workshops, and entertainment for the whole family |  |  |
| Retreats for spouses and/or families with opportunities for confession and spiritual direction; may include an opportunity for a family consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, etc. |  |  |
| Small group family seminars and rosary groups, Bible discussion, and gatherings of couples for mutual support and enrichment |  |  |
| Specific preaching offered on appropriate feast days that highlight marriage and family life |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

1. **Formation**

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| **Efforts to promote HUMAN FORMATION** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities to experience and support the fine arts, sciences, and cultural events as a community; activities that support the social and economic well-being of families in the local community |  |  |
| Pastoral programming that promotes authentic Christian anthropology with an emphasis on the unique gifts of men and women; the healthy formation of men and women and the specific calling to parenthood as a foundational and noble vocation |  |  |
| Classes, workshops, and resources on authentic human sexuality and the cultivation of chastity which allows for authentic relationships and respect for the gifts of love and life |  |  |
| Referrals to qualified counselors whose work assists authentic human formation |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to promote SPIRITUAL FORMATION** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Missions |  |  |
| Retreats |  |  |
| Spiritual exercises |  |  |
| Small groups of *lectio divina* |  |  |
| Times of reflection |  |  |
| Age-appropriate curricula and resources for catechesis, adult faith formation, and Catholic schools that demonstrate reasons for our faith and emphasize how a life of faith is founded on a relationship with Jesus Christ |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to promote INTELLECTUAL FORMATION** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Seminars, classes, and resources on the meaning and unique role of marriage |  |  |
| Ongoing training for marriage ministers by online courses or in-service sessions |  |  |
| Opportunities for Catholic young adults to grow in their understanding of the faith and to discover the depth of the Church's teaching on marriage and family |  |  |
| Opportunities for parents to receive ongoing formation in the faith and God's plan for marriage, family life, and human sexuality |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to promote MISSIONARY FORMATION** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities for Christian families to participate in evangelization and outreach, including apostolates and service ministries that work with those who experience poverty or suffering |  |  |
| Resources for Catholic parents to help their children live the faith as missionary disciples |  |  |
| Training in leadership skills such as active listening, communication, mentoring, pedagogy, or management for ministry leaders |  |  |
| Support for ecclesial movements and associations that offer forms of service, discipleship, and pastoral resources |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

1. **Accompaniment**

*Before Marriage*

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| ***Remote* marriage preparation curricula for children and youth (0-18 years old) that includes:** | **In Catholic Schools**  **Yes/No/ Unsure** | **In faith formation classes Yes/No/ Unsure** | **In youth ministry**  **Yes/No/**  **Unsure** | **In diocesan programs**  **Yes/No/ Unsure** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Christian anthropology |  |  |  |  |  |
| The nature of authentic human sexuality |  |  |  |  |  |
| The virtues of modesty and chastity |  |  |  |  |  |
| The formation of healthy relationships |  |  |  |  |  |
| The call of marriage and family life |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age-appropriate resources on the above topics for both parents and young people |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ***Proximate* marriage preparation (19-30 years old) programming that includes:** | **In curricula of Catholic institutions of higher learning**  **Yes/No/ Unsure** | **In faith formation classes**  **Yes/No/ Unsure** | **In young adult ministry**  **Yes/No/**  **Unsure** | **In diocesan programs**  **Yes/No/ Unsure** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Helping young adults understand healthy and moral dating behaviors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comparing God's plan for marriage and family with contemporary sexual ideas and behaviors, demonstrating the negative and immoral effects of promiscuous behavior on marriage |  |  |  |  |  |
| Addressing authentic human sexuality, the nature of marriage, and the blessing of children |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Are there coordinated efforts between young adult ministries and family ministries, "with the aim of ensuring a continuous and suitable accompaniment of the vocational process?" (This may include opportunities for mentorship and networks of other vocational support)** | **Yes/No/Unsure** | **Description/Comments** |

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| **Immediate marriage preparation (couples preparing for marriage) that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name/Description/Comments** |
| Ongoing training and support for pastoral workers who assist with the preparation of couples for marriage (including clergy, seminarians, mentor couples, parish staff, and volunteers) |  |  |
| Training workshops for married couples or individuals who can provide instruction in Natural Family Planning |  |  |
| Outreach to engaged couples so they are connected with the local parish community, with the support of a mentor or sponsor couple, who are culturally competent |  |  |
| Practical and moral support for cohabitating couples to encourage and facilitate a transition into separate housing |  |  |
| Opportunities of prayer for and with engaged couples (such as the blessing of the engaged, adoration, sacrament of penance, etc.) |  |  |
| Premarital inventories to identify the needs of the couple and ensure adequate time for conversations, discernment, and follow up, with appropriate referrals if needed |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Diocesan and/or parish marriage preparation programs that include content on:** | **Yes/No (indicate D – diocesan or P – parish)** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| The nature of marriage as instituted by God |  |  |
| The vocation of marriage and its responsibilities |  |  |
| How to pray together as a couple |  |  |
| The role of Christian spouses as witnesses to the charity that flows from Christ |  |  |
| Living conjugal chastity as a virtue with particular admonition to cohabitating couples |  |  |
| Responsibility of Catholic parents to have their parents baptized and raise them in the Catholic faith, building their domestic church as ministers of their home |  |  |
| Natural Family Planning as a tool for respecting and living God's design for married love while discerning God's will together |  |  |
| Moral teaching of the Church on reproductive technologies and ethical solutions to infertility |  |  |
| Sensitive issues such as pornography use and addiction, resolving abortion trauma, sexual and domestic abuse and violence, the experience of separation and divorce as a child, etc. |  |  |
| Practical skills such as communication, financial planning, etc. |  |  |
| Requirements for marriage in accord with the law of the Church |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |

*During Marriage*

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| **Efforts to accompany married couples in the first few years that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Post-Cana programs with instruction on the vocation of marriage and the call to holiness as a married couple, and the gift of life, including guidance on ethical solutions to infertility, promotion of adoption and foster care options |  |  |
| Mentoring programs that pair the newly married with faithful and mature couples for support and direction |  |  |
| Programs where small groups of the newly married can gather for peer support and faith sharing |  |  |
| First anniversary celebration or retreat hosted for new couples |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to promote marriage enrichment that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Like-to-like ministries that meet the ongoing needs of married couples |  |  |
| Communication and conflict resolution programs |  |  |
| Parenting programs |  |  |
| Finance handling and planning programs |  |  |
| Natural Family Planning classes |  |  |
| Couples' retreats |  |  |
| Couples' small groups |  |  |
| Support for marriage and family focused apostolates, organizations, programs, and resources |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to support married couples in living conjugal chastity that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Educating married couples to avoid and address threats to conjugal chastity such as contraception, pornography, abusive behavior, etc. |  |  |
| Healing services and other opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Catholic married couples |  |  |
| Small group discussions, workshops, or professionally facilitated sessions on the threats to conjugal chastity, especially pornography |  |  |
| List of local resources or counseling referrals shared with parishes that address particular situations in accordance with Church teaching |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to promote married couples in welcoming new life that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Hosting pro-life events that foster respect for life in the womb |  |  |
| Collaboration with and support for services that assist difficult pregnancies such as pro-life pregnancy centers and adoption agencies |  |  |
| A review of all parish and diocesan programs, ministries, and policies to ensure a consistent awareness and response to the needs of families |  |  |
| Flexible working arrangements for fathers and mothers who serve the Church |  |  |
| Affordable daycare or babysitting services and the parish or diocesan center that are compliant with diocesan/eparchial child protection policies |  |  |
| Family-supportive facilities and/or arrangements that assist the participation of parents with young children at Holy Mass |  |  |
| Comprehensive lists of trusted: adoption and foster care services; pregnancy centers; medical professionals and counselors dedicated to assisting couples in accordance with Catholic teaching |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to accompany married couples in crisis that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| A network of mentor couples in the parish who can accompany married couples with prayer, friendship, and other forms of support |  |  |
| Trained marriage coaches at the parish or diocesan levels who can provide professional help to struggling couples |  |  |
| Opportunities for renewal and retreats offered by apostolates or organizations dedicated to marriage ministry and renewal |  |  |
| Materials and resources that provide guidance and encouragement to couples in crisis |  |  |
| Comprehensive list of vetted marriage counselors in the local area |  |  |
| Collaborative relationships between parishes and counselors with the help of the diocese |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to support couples who are separated or divorced that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/ Description/Comments** |
| Ministries that provide pastoral care for those experiencing separation or divorce as well as for children and adult children affected by divorce and separation |  |  |
| Training sessions for clergy, pastoral workers, and parish staff on how to sensitively respond to the needs of blended families |  |  |
| Resources that address the various issues involved in separation or divorce, particularly its effects on mental health, children, finances, etc. |  |  |
| Informational events on the applicable canonical processes |  |  |
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| Informational events on the applicable canonical processes |  |  |
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| **Efforts to support couples seeking convalidation that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/ Description/Comments** |
| Information sessions or adult faith formation classes on the theology and canonical process of convalidation (the diocesan canonists may assist with these classes) |  |  |
| Catholic marriage programs, ministries, and resources hat support and assist civilly married couples through the convalidation process |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

*Families at Every Stage of Life*

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| **Efforts to assist parents as they raise and educate their children that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/ Description/Comments** |
| Family catechesis opportunities tailored to different family sizes and ages |  |  |
| Appropriate childcare and children's programming at parish and diocesan events |  |  |
| Financial assistance for needy families who wish to attend Catholic schools, in collaboration with diocesan, parish, and catholic school administrations |  |  |
| Effective, engaging, and affordable catechetical programs for children, especially for those attending public schools |  |  |
| Parish and diocesan support for the parental choice of homeschooling by providing learning resources to assist them in their home-based education |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to accompany couples who are unable to conceive a child that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Instruction for couples on Church teaching about the unitive and procreative nature of sexual relations and the moral principles that guide couples to use ethical means of infertility treatments |  |  |
| Faith formation on the ethics of assisted reproductive technologies, including in-vitro fertilization |  |  |
| Guidance for couples to discern the many forms of marital fruitfulness such as adoption and foster care |  |  |
| Pastoral outreach events for couples without children such as special liturgies, prayer events, small faith-sharing groups, and retreats; facilitation of network-building with other couples in the same situation |  |  |
| List of trusted adoption and foster care services |  |  |
| List of medical professionals who assist infertile couples in morally acceptable ways according to Church teaching |  |  |
| List of experts who can offer spiritual direction and emotional counseling in light of Church teaching |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to accompany couples who have lost a family member, especially a child that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Training for pastoral staff to assist grieving parents and family members (e.g. the process of planning the Christian funeral and burial, meals and financial help, etc.) |  |  |
| Parish and diocesan/eparchial educational events focused on how to cope with death and the stages of grieving |  |  |
| Opportunities for grieving families to meet other families who have experienced loss for mutual support and comfort |  |  |
| Comprehensive list of counselors for spiritual and emotional support |  |  |
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| **Efforts to accompany single adults that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Sponsored events for single adults to encourage fellowship |  |  |
| Opportunities for vocational discernment and spiritual growth |  |  |
| Programs and resources to meet the needs of single adults (financial planning, respite care for family members, etc.) |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to support widows and widowers that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities for widows and widowers in the parish and diocese/eparchy to meet and gather for mutual support |  |  |
| Organizations and apostolates that can provide spiritual and moral support to widows and widowers as well as tend to their physical or financial needs, especially if young children are involved |  |  |
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| **Efforts to accompany the elderly that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities to recognize and honor the elderly and/or grandparents especially by planning intergenerational gatherings where young and old can engage and encounter one another in positive, meaningful ways |  |  |
| Involvement of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers to provide for the various physical, material, and spiritual needs of the elderly |  |  |
| Activities that involve the elderly and/or grandparents at Catholic schools and religious education/faith formation programs as a way for them to share their knowledge and love of the faith |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Efforts to accompany caregivers of family members that include:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Remembrance in prayer for all those who are caring for the sick, aging, and disabled in the parish community |  |  |
| Small groups for caregivers to share their experiences and challenges, pray together, and provide mutual support |  |  |
| Workshops to address caregiving from a faith perspective and its impact on family dynamics and marriage |  |  |
| Information sessions and resources on Church teaching concerning end of life questions, establishing Advance Directives, and ethical concerns on forms of care |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

*Families in Complex or Difficult Situations*

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| **Ministry to families experiencing addictions that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities for prayer, retreats or spiritual renewal for those suffering from addictions or their family members |  |  |
| Instruction for clergy, pastoral workers, and parish staff to recognize the needs of families affected by addictions |  |  |
| Assist, when possible, the family members, especially children, of those with addictions |  |  |
| Awareness-raising and educational programs about addictions and how to cope with them |  |  |
| List of referrals for counselors, treatment facilities, and support groups |  |  |
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| **Ministry to families experiencing domestic violence and abuse that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Spiritual and material support for victims/survivors such as retreats, opportunities for prayer, spiritual direction, etc. |  |  |
| Workshops that discuss Church teaching and include information about the signs of domestic Violence and guidance on how to help, as determined by mandatory reporting laws |  |  |
| Easily accessible list of contacts for counselors, shelters, and local agencies (e.g. restroom sign) |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Ministry to families with members who have disabilities or chronic illness that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Catechetical resources and classes that are tailored to the disabled or, when appropriate, the chronically ill; opportunities for prayer, spiritual guidance, and formation, as appropriate |  |  |
| Opportunities for prayer, spiritual guidance, and formation, as appropriate |  |  |
| Accessibility and accommodations (physical, sensory, etc.) at churches and parish/diocesan/eparchial events (e.g., physical access, large-print resources, and sign-language interpretation, if possible) |  |  |
| Resources to help parishes be sensitive to the needs of members with disabilities and illness in their community |  |  |
| List of community-based educational, transitional, medical, and respite support and services |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Ministry to families with members who experience same-sex attraction or sexual identity incongruence that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level Yes/No/ Unsure** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Workshops, seminars, and/or classes to instruct the parish community on what the Church teaches regarding questions of the dignity of persons and human sexuality |  |  |
| Ongoing formation opportunities for clergy, pastoral workers, and parish staff that provide instruction and guidance on how to appropriately minister to men and women experiencing same-sex attraction and their families |  |  |
| Small group workshops or seminars for families to provide practical advice on how to make decisions that may be faced regarding a family member’s relationship/s such as how to discuss the distinctions between the person, inclination, and action; establish healthy boundaries; to show and communicate love without affirming behaviors or choices that are contrary to Catholic teaching (e.g. same-sex “marriage”), etc. |  |  |
| Resources and support groups “noted for their adherence to Church teaching” that explain the Church’s pastoral teaching with truth and charity |  |  |
| List of referrals for counselors with a Catholic perspective who can assist the person experiencing same-sex attraction or the family members |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Ministry to families with incarcerated members that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Spiritual and moral support such as spiritual guidance and dedicated moments of prayer individually or as a parish community |  |  |
| Support to families, especially children, by facilitating communication and visitation with incarcerated family members |  |  |
| Opportunities for catechesis and sacramental preparation for returning citizens tailored to their specific needs or situations |  |  |
| Services to families and returning citizens such as transportation, meals, employment assistance, counseling programs, language classes, and mentoring opportunities |  |  |
| List of local and community resources for individuals and families affected by incarceration |  |  |
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| **Ministry to single parent families that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Programs designed to alleviate the single parent’s unique burdens and needs |  |  |
| Childcare and financial assistance, as needed, to allow single parents to attend diocesan/eparchial or parish events |  |  |
| Half-day or evening retreats tailored to the single parent’s needs with childcare provided |  |  |
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| **Ministry to mixed and interreligious marriages and families that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Educational and social events for non-Catholic spouses to learn about the faith |  |  |
| Ecumenical prayer services and retreats for spouses for the participation of both Catholic and non-Catholic Christian spouses |  |  |
| Opportunities to meet and support other spouses in similar circumstances in the parish or diocesan/eparchial community |  |  |
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| **Ministry to intercultural families that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Events like an intercultural celebration or that highlight the many cultures represented in the parish community |  |  |
| Small circles of families with similar cultural and ethnic backgrounds to encourage friendship and build support |  |  |
| Incorporation of permissible cultural customs and traditions at liturgical celebrations and parish events |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Ministry to migrant, refugee, and immigrant families that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Introductory sessions for immigrant and refugee families to integrate them into the life of the parish and tend to their sacramental needs |  |  |
| Catechesis for migrant, refugee, and immigrant engaged and married couples and their families, especially preparation for the reception of the sacraments and to address particular needs |  |  |
| Material, spiritual, and moral support and resources, such as language tutoring, legal assistance, housing, work opportunities, and schooling for their children |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

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| **Ministry to military families that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities for catechesis and ongoing faith formation to returning veterans and their families, especially sacramental preparation for children |  |  |
| Material, spiritual, and moral support and resources for families who have a family member who is deployed as well as for veterans returning to civilian life, their spouses and their families during the delicate time of transition |  |  |
| Prayer services or other liturgical moments for veterans who may be dealing with the challenges of visible injuries or invisible injuries, such as post-traumatic stress or moral injury |  |  |
| List of community-based professionals and services for veterans and information about the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

**IV. Advocacy**

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| **Advancing faithful and sound advocacy for marriage and family life that includes:** | **At the Diocesan Level**  **(if programs exist only at parish levels, indicate P)**  **Yes/No/ Unsure/In Progress** | **Name of Program/Description/Comments** |
| Opportunities for education on specific issues coming before local, state, or national governments that impact the Church and individuals with respect to human identity, sexuality, and family life |  |  |
| Workshops and trainings for local leaders and the parish community that instruct how to advocate for issues (e.g. how to write secular articles, how to engage in the public square, how to lobby government officials, how to support legislation, etc.) |  |  |
| Collaboration with state Catholic conferences to offer the above |  |  |
| Other resources |  |  |

**What additional Marriage and Family Resources may still be needed in the diocese?**

In looking at current resources and outreach to married couples and families, what **gaps** have been identified?

In looking at current resources and outreach to married couples and families, what **opportunities** have been identified for expanding resources/approaches?

Are there identified gaps that the **diocese** may be able to fill or opportunities for the diocese to expand upon? Should some or most of these gaps be filled by parishes?

Who are the local partners that could help address those gaps or opportunities? (Ministries, organizations, lay ecclesial movements, etc.)

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

Sharing the information gathered in this inventory will help us better assist you. If you plan on sharing the results of this inventory with our office, please fill out the information below. The completed inventory can be sent to Julia Dezelski, Assistant Director for Marriage and Family Life: [jdezelski@usccb.org](mailto:jdezelski@usccb.org) or c/o USCCB 3211 Fourth Street, NE - Washington, DC 20017.

**Diocesan/Eparchial and Personal Information**

**General and Contact Information**

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| Marriage and Family Life [MFL] Diocesan Director/Coordinator  Full Name: |
| Position Title at the Diocese/Eparchy: |
| Supervisor Name and Title:  (If the supervisor is another diocesan staff person) |
| Other office staff such as NFP Coordinator or Marriage Preparation Coordinator (Full Name and Title): |
| (Arch)Diocese/Eparchy: |
| Diocesan/Chancery Street Address: |
| City: |
| State/Zip: |
| Office Phone/Fax: |
| Work Email Address: |
| Diocese/Eparchy website and relevant webpages for MFL ministry: |
| Is your diocese/office a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM)? Yes/No/in consideration |

About how long have you been in your current position? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

\_\_\_\_Less than high school degree

\_\_\_\_High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)

\_\_\_\_Some college but no degree

\_\_\_\_Associate degree

\_\_\_\_Bachelor's degree

\_\_\_\_Graduate degree (Master’s)\*

\_\_\_\_ Doctorate degree\*

\*Please specify specialization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the total operating budget for marriage and family ministry for your diocese? (An estimate should include salaries, stipends, postage, materials, etc.)

\_\_\_\_less than $1,000

\_\_\_\_$1,000 - 4,999

\_\_\_\_$5,000 - 9,999

\_\_\_\_$10,000 - 29,999

\_\_\_\_$30,000 - 49,999

\_\_\_\_$50,000 - 69,999

\_\_\_\_$70,000 +

How much additional program funding is normally generated by all the marriage and family activities (e.g., retreats and program fees, class fees, seminars, materials, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_$0

\_\_\_\_$1 - 999

\_\_\_\_$1,000 - 4,999

\_\_\_\_$5,000 - 9,999

\_\_\_\_$10,000 +