

BUILDS and forms a team who minister to those called to the vocation of marriage and family.



RATE THE FOLLOWING:

3 = Yes! We do that **2 =** We do it, but it needs improvement **1 =** No, we don't do that

- ___ 1. Healthy marriage is a stated priority in our parish.
- ___ 2. Our parish provides ongoing catechesis, education and formation, in light of the authentic teaching of the Church, on why marriage is the union of one man and one woman and why this institution needs to be promoted and protected in society.
- ___ 3. We seek to build a culture of confidence and courage that bears witness, in all areas of life and society, to the truth and beauty of marriage.
- ___ 4. We have an active Marriage Ministry Team or similar parish committee and provide them with effective formation and training.
- ___ 5. We actively seek participation of the newly married in our parish.
- ___ 6. Our parish allocates money and other resources to the best of its ability to promote healthy marriage.
- ___ 7. Our parish supports marriage in the larger community.
- ___ 8. Our parish is able to recruit volunteers who are faithful witnesses to the Church's teaching on marriage and family.
- ___ 9. Our volunteers are given regular marriage-oriented educational/formational opportunities.
- ___ 10. Our pastoral leadership looks at all parish ministries to make sure they are marriage friendly.
- ___ 11. We seek opportunities to collaborate with other parishes to effectively minister to marriage.
- ___ 12. We are able to access our Diocesan Family Life Office, National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (www.NACFLM.org), and web-sites such as United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's (www.ForYourMarriage.org)
- ___ 13. We provide access to resources dealing with various cultures and ethnic groups particularly those affecting marriage.
- ___ 14. Make available the study guide the US Bishop's Pastoral Letter, Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan.
- ___ 15. Parish includes marriage prayers, rituals, events and bulletin inserts through the year.
- ___ 16. Parishioners are encouraged to write to legislators about marriage issues.
- ___ 17. Leadership training is provided for support group facilitators.

"We are grateful, too, for all those who work with young people and engaged couples to establish good marriages, who help married couples to grow in love and strengthen their union, and who help those in crisis to resolve their problems and bring healing to their lives.

From Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan

Top three priorities for BUILDING Leadership:

Item No.	Action (Improve/Begin)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Total Score

out of possible 51