



“Convalidation Strategies - How to Bring Marriages into the Church”

- Why are Catholics marrying outside the Church?
- How do we find and reach out to non-sacramental couples?
- How do we help them overcome obstacles to Catholic marriage?
- Once married couples decide to marry in the Church, how do we prepare them (diocesan programs, parish programs or both?)



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Join Us!

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