Ways to Use Amoris Laetitia Videos



In March 2021, Pope Francis declared this year as the *Year of the Family—Amoris Laetitia*. This is the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation on marriage and family life, *Amoris Laetitia*. His hope was that the Catholic faithful throughout the world would take some time to revisit (or visit for the first time) the apostolic exhortation and reflect on marriage and family life.

In observance of the *Year of the Family*, the Archdiocese of Chicago has developed a series of five short videos (in English, Spanish, and Polish) to help parish communities and individual families to understand the family as a domestic church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (CCC, 1666). In this way, families can be true experiences of church. Each video takes up a particular aspect of church life and explains how it comes alive in families: proclamation of the word, celebration of the sacraments, prayer together, and fulfilling the mission to serve, witness, and foster vocations.

These videos are presented in a digital format (Microsoft Sway) and can be shared via email or text to parishioners for family reflection at home or presented to parish ministry gatherings during different times of the year. At the end of each video, there are questions for reflection and discussion. An appropriate Biblical reference is also offered.

It is suggested to offer this series as part of your regular ministry gatherings or formation sessions (baptismal prep, parents, and sponsors meetings, etc.) or as part of reflections for Lent or other liturgical seasons.

1. **Foundation of the Domestic Church** (English, Español, Polsku)
2. **The Proclamation of the Word in the Domestic Church** (English, Español, Polsku)
3. **The Family Brings Its Members to the Sacraments and Lives Out the Sacraments in the Home** (English, Español, Polsku)
4. **The Family Worships and Prays Together** (English, Español, Polsku)
5. **The Family as the Domestic Church Fulfills a Mission to Serve, to Witness, to Foster Vocations** (English, Español, Polsku)

"So let us care for one another, guide and encourage one another,
and experience this as a part of our family spirituality."
(Amoris Laetitia, 321)