



# DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

## WMOF18 NEWSLETTER

November 2017



### Message from Bishop Wm. Crean

Pope Francis has asked us to promote parish conversations about his document,

#### The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia),

as part of our preparations for the World Meeting of Families. To facilitate these parish conversations the national WMOF18 team has already sent some of the written course material to parishes with some video material to follow and it is envisaged that the series of six parish conversations will happen next spring, maybe around the period of lent.

Martin Kennedy, national pastoral programme coordinator for World Meeting of Families, will facilitate a briefing meeting for potential parish facilitators on -

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 4.30pm In the Mercy Centre, Mallow**

**Parishes have been asked to nominate two to four potential facilitators, depending on the size of the parish, who would be willing to facilitate or chair these conversations and will attend this meeting.**

If you would be interested in this work please contact your parish before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. It is important that every Parish takes the opportunity to engage with this rich and inspiring document. Pope Francis has said

*"It is my hope that in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity." AL 7.*



### The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland!

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church. Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin From 21-26 August 2018 to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. The WMOF2018 Logo, launched in December 2016, reflects on this theme and our journey towards August 2018.

### Programme for WMOF18

**Tuesday 21st August 2018**

Opening Ceremonies

**Wed 22nd to Fri 24th August**

Three day congress

**Saturday 25th August**

Festival of Families

**Sunday 26th August**

Eucharistic Celebration

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

WMOF18 Icon of the Holy Family will visit -

**St Colman's Cathedral, Cobh**

from 27th to 30th October 2017

Reception Prayers at 6.30pm (Fri 27th Oct)

**Church of the Resurrection, Mallow**

from 31st October to 1st November

Opening Mass at 7.30pm (Tues 31st Oct)

**Briefing for Facilitators  
of Amoris Parish Conversations,  
with Martin Kennedy**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 2.00 to 4.30pm

In the Mercy Centre, Mallow

**Accord Marriage Enrichment  
Course**

Wed 15th Nov - Accord Centre, Fermoy

**Parish Liturgies for Families  
bereaved during the past year**

### ACCORD MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE



In the Diocese of Cloyne, Accord facilitate Marriage Preparation Courses and offer a donation only Marriage Counselling Service. As part of the diocesan preparations for the World Meeting of Families we

are offering an **Enrichment Course for married couples.**

Your marriage relationship is a precious gift and it is well worth taking time out to enrich and renew your commitment to each other in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

**A Marriage Enrichment Course will be held in the Accord Centre, Monument Hill, Fermoy, over three evenings, Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, Tues 21<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**From 7.30pm to 10.00pm**

"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love." Pope Francis AL325

To book ring Jean on 025-31899 before Tuesday 7th of November.

If you are interested in this course and these dates don't suit you, please contact Jean.

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### How can I get involved?

**Volunteer** - If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of the WMOF18 events in August 2018 you can register on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

**Pray** for the success of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

**Prepare** spiritually with the pastoral programme available to parishes in Spring 2018.

**Register now to attend** the World Meeting events in 2018, see [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie) for details of registration and accommodation.

**World Meeting of Families website**

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



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