

To: All Pastors and Parish Team

From: Kathy Wither, Director of the Family Life Office

Date: November 16, 2020

Re: 2021 Marriage Prep Booklets (English and Spanish)

Dear Pastors and Parish Team,

This memo is an update for you on the annual Marriage Prep Booklets (English and Spanish) that you normally receive in November or December. Because we have a larger inventory than normal of the 2020 booklets [due to Covid], and because the 2020 booklets are still valid for 2021, we are asking you to continue giving out and using the 2020 booklets with your couples even into 2021.

Sometime during the new year - once we've depleted our 2020 inventory - we will be printing/distributing new booklets. Further, beginning in 2021, the Marriage Prep booklets will now be generic, i.e., not "year-specific". We are doing this in an effort to contain costs, and to be sensitive/attentive to reducing paper, since the dates/locations of Pre-Canas that change each year can be found on our website (via website links found in the MP booklets). If the couples follow the steps and instructions in the 2020 booklets, they'll still be able to access the Marriage Prep Registration as well as the 2021 Pre-Cana dates and locations.

Please be assured that the MP booklets are available for you and your couples, and we want to get you as many as you need! At any time, if/when you need more booklets, simply email/call the Family Life Office and we will mail you more booklets, filling requests first from the 2020 supply before sending new versions. Also, early in 2021, we will again do an archdiocesan-wide mailing of 2021 booklets to all parishes so you will continue to receive your annual shipment of booklets.

To order [more] booklets:

• Call: **646-794-3188**

Email: <u>FLRLEvents@nyfamilylife.org</u>

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Suzanne Hammill, Assistant Director, at Suzanne.hammill@archny.org, or 646-794-3183.

Thank you, and have a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent Season!

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