



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK  
FAMILY LIFE

To: Pastors and Administrators  
From: Kathy Wither, Director of the Family Life Office  
Date: January 17, 2022  
Re: RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK/WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

In an effort to help you plan for the celebration of **National Marriage Week 2022 (Feb 7-14\*)** the Family Life Office's Marriage team has an Archdiocese of New York version of *Witness to Love's* "**Be Light Marriage Renewal Date Night Series**" which will be available for married [and engaged] couples in connection with World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week. Details are below and flyers in English and Spanish are attached for your use and promotion.

*\* World Marriage Day this year is **Sunday, Feb 13**. This day is normally the last day of National Marriage Week; however, the USCCB will officially celebrate National Marriage Week this year from February 7-14 instead of from Feb 6-13, so Valentine's Day (Feb 14) is the last day of National Marriage Week this year.*

Additionally, the USCCB normally provides resources for promoting this important week, but at the time of this writing they have not been provided. As such, attached are resources that were used in 2021 that are still applicable for you to use (Preaching Resource and Prayers of the Faithful). This year's theme from the USCCB is: "Marriage: Called to the Joy of Love!"

**"Be Light Marriage Renewal Date Night Series"**

(available in English and Spanish)

**Date:** Already available (and ongoing)

**Concept:** Virtual Date Night (e.g., once per week x 5 weeks)

**English links:**

[archny.org/family-life/marriage-enrichment/](http://archny.org/family-life/marriage-enrichment/) or  
[witnessstolove.org/belight-archdiocese-newyork/](http://witnessstolove.org/belight-archdiocese-newyork/)

**Spanish links:**

[archny.org/vida-familiar/enriquecimiento-matrimonial/](http://archny.org/vida-familiar/enriquecimiento-matrimonial/) or  
[witnessstolove.org/seanlaluz-archdiocese-newyork/](http://witnessstolove.org/seanlaluz-archdiocese-newyork/)

This virtual Date Night can be done at any time by a couple, **or** the parish could promote it as a structured parish-based Date Night – virtually or in-person (anytime, but February is a good time to promote this).

If you have questions, contact **Kathleen Crayne** at [kathleen.crayne@archny.org](mailto:kathleen.crayne@archny.org), or 646-794-3182. For Spanish, contact Yorleni Tavarez-Sanchez at [Yorleni.Tavarez-Sanchez@archny.org](mailto:Yorleni.Tavarez-Sanchez@archny.org) or 646-794-3199.

Sincerely in Christ,