



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
FAMILY LIFE

TO: Pastors and Administrators
FROM: Theodore J. Musco, Director
DATE: December 15, 2022
RE: Additional *Engage.Encourage.Educate* Meet and Greet Meetings

I begin by thanking all who attended one of our three recent *Engage.Encourage.Educate* Meet and Greet Meetings sponsored by the Office of Family Life. The three gatherings provided an opportunity for clergy and laity to gather with the staff of the Office of Family Life for the dual purpose of learning about new initiatives for the 2023 calendar year as well as the Office staff having the chance to meet those involved in Family Life parish activities.

Please see the attached flyer that contains three additional meeting opportunities. If you did not have the opportunity to attend or ask your parish leaders to attend, please consider doing so in January. You will learn about upcoming initiatives that will assist in our service to families in the Archdiocese of New York.

Some outcomes of past meetings include:

- The need for concrete ways to assist families to grow as the domestic or home Church
- Opportunities for small faith sharing groups to be formed or enhanced
- Create or continue to enliven an environment where all members of the family feel welcomed in the parish
- More opportunities to accompany couples who plan to marry as well as those who are already married
- Dedicated resources for those families with members who are suffering or feel neglected

I do hope that you join us for one of these next three meetings. Please spread the word to your parishioners and especially parish leaders.