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## On 19 March, Pope Francis inaugurates the Year "*Amoris Laetitia* Family"

Over a year of spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives  
for the accompaniment of families in light of the challenges of our time

On March 19, 2021, the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation "*Amoris Laetitia*," on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis will inaugurate the **Year "*Amoris Laetitia* Family"**, which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

The pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church and has shown the importance of community ties between families, which make the Church an authentic "family of families" (AL 87). Through the spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives planned in the **Year "*Amoris Laetitia* Family"**, Pope Francis intends to address all ecclesial communities throughout the world, exhorting each person to be a witness of family love.

**Resources will be shared within parishes, dioceses, universities, and in the context of ecclesial movements and family associations, on: family spirituality, formation and pastoral activity for marriage preparation, young people education in affective maturity, and on the holiness of married couples and families who live out the grace of the sacrament in their daily life. International academic symposiums** will also be organized to examine in-depth the contents and implications of the Apostolic Exhortation in relation to highly topical issues that affect families around the world.

In view of the Year's opening on 19 March, the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life has prepared an informational brochure to be shared with dioceses, parishes and families, which can be downloaded from the dedicated website: [www.amorislaetitia.va](http://www.amorislaetitia.va)

The goals of this website - which can also be reached from the homepage of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life ([www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va)) - include: spreading the Christian message on the family in light of the challenges of our time; promoting a deeper understanding of the text of the Apostolic Exhortation and of the magisterium of Pope Francis; inviting Episcopal Conferences, dioceses, and parishes, together with ecclesial movements, associations, and families, to devote themselves enthusiastically to the pastoral care of the family by implementing "*Amoris Laetitia*."

The site, which has been developed in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian) is rich in graphics and content, is user-friendly, and will be updated with the proposals and initiatives that will gradually develop over the course of the year.