



In Your Parish

Proven to Work

In the piloting phase the Covenant of Love has already proven to be a gateway to explore the riches and beauty of marriage. Fr. Danny Garcia of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin, TX says, "It has allowed couples to reflect on the dignity and value of the Sacrament of Marriage."

The Covenant of Love Marriage Group calls couples to step back and reevaluate the commitment made when they first came together as husband and wife. The group format allows them to see how their marriage has been influenced by their daily living, the gospel and society.

The Covenant of Love invites couples to view their marriage based on what the church teaches and also allows couples to use each other as a means of support. It empowers couples with the practical means to live out a joyous and happy marriage. We are in a culture where we need to look intently at the Sacrament of Marriage to see the fruits that a good marriage can bring. Understanding marriage also allows the couples to live in a committed relationship with God.

The Covenant of Love has been successful in getting couples to come to the table and ask some of the hard questions about marriage. The sessions are tailored to provide not only the questions but the answers to some of those questions.

As couples continue to come together, they begin to see how their strong relationship enriches the life of the parish. The Covenant of Love Marriage Group provides a forum to talk about the value and dignity of marriage and to learn what God is calling married couples to be.



Starting a Covenant of Love Ministry It's as easy as 1...2...3

Step 1 Consult your Pastor

Share what you have learned about the Covenant of Love Ministry with your Pastor, and share with him the the benefits of having such a ministry in the parish.

Step 2 Identify a Lead Ministry Couple

If you have a paid staff member in your parish, he or she can over-see the Covenant of Love Marriage Ministry. If not, we will supply you with the criteria to advertise, identify and select a volunteer couple to lead this ministry.

Step 3 Build a Core Team

Building a CORE Team is critical for the life of the ministry/ The CORE Team will help plan and implement the various advocacy, enrichment programs and other ministries that will grow from the Covenant of Love.

To find out how to create a Covenant of Love Ministry in your parish, please contact: The Alexander House at 763-493-9613, or visit our website at www.covenantoflove.org

Partner Fee Scale for the Covenant of Love Ministry

Registered Families	Partner Fee
200 - 1,000	\$500
1,001 - 2,500	\$650
2,501 - and up	\$800