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Pope Francis signaled early on that he wanted the church to re-examine its ministry to those who feel excluded, calling bishops to two synod meetings on the family in 2014 and 2015. Because of his intentions for reforms within the Church, Francis' book "Amoris Laetitia" (arguably the most anticipated document of 2016 from the Catholic Church) is a broad-ranging blend of familiar manners, passages bemoaning the frenetic loneliness of modern life. Michael, under immense request from his readers and followers, has once again simplified and explained this life-changing document of the Pope in an extremely unique and professional manner that even a layman could

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quickly grasp and indeed understand. In addition to Michael's explanatory attributes, he also emphasizes on the new path in which the document will hence forth take the Catholic Church and ways in which it will influence the divorced, gays, married, families, children, politicians and indeed the world at large. An intense study of the books will review to the everyone how Pope Francis has impacted the world at large and indeed how he has changed the Church as we know it.

One element of the church that Pope Francis was elected to lead in 2013 was an ideology that might be called the “American” model of Catholicism—the troubling result of efforts by intellectuals like Michael Novak, George Weigel, and Richard John Neuhaus to remake Catholicism into both a culture war colossus and a

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prop for ascendant capitalism. After laying the groundwork during the 1980s and armed with a selective and manipulative reading of Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, these neoconservative commentators established themselves as authoritative Catholic voices throughout the 1990s, viewing every question through a liberal-conservative ecclesial-political lens. The movement morphed further after the 9/11 terror attacks into a startling amalgamation of theocratic convictions, which led to the troubling theo-populism we see today. The election of the Latin American pope represented a mortal threat to all of this, and a poisonous backlash was inevitable, bringing us to the brink of a true "American schism." This is the drama of today's Catholic Church. In *Catholic Discordance: Neoconservatism vs. the Field Hospital*

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Church of Pope Francis, Massimo Borghesi—who masterfully unveiled the pope’s own intellectual development in his *The Mind of Pope Francis*—analyzes the origins of today’s Catholic neoconservative movement and its clash with the church that Francis understands as a “field hospital” for a fragmented world. The publication of Pope Francis’ post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* started the most important theological debate in the Catholic Church since the end of the Second Vatican Council. The cardinals, bishops, theologians, priests, lay Catholics found themselves on the opposite sides of this crucial and complicated discussion. This book attempts to shed some light on this debate by tracing its genealogy. Since *Amoris Laetitia* is a post-synodal

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document, the large part of the book is devoted to the theological analysis of the two Synods of Bishops convoked by Pope Francis in the first years of his pontificate: the extraordinary in October 2014 and the ordinary that took place a year later. The main topics for the two synods were determined, however, in the speech given by Cardinal Walter Kasper during the cardinals consistory in February 2014 whose main aim was to prepare the possibility of admitting divorced persons who live in second unions to Holy Communion. The arguments of Cardinal Kasper are presented in the first chapter of the book and confronted with the most significant statements of the Magisterium of the Church on the issue of admittance to the Holy Communion. This book is a study at the intersection of Church history, the history of

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theology, and systematic theology: dogmatic and moral. Kupczak is interested in the chronology of the events connected to the two synods on the family but in the context of theological problems discussed therein: the theological significance of contemporary cultural changes; the relation of the Church to the world; the understanding of the indissolubility of the sacramental marriage and the Eucharist; the methods of ethically assessing human acts, particularly the concept of so-called intrinsically evil acts (*intrinsece malum*); and the relation of conscience to the general moral norm. The non-partisan ambition of this book is to serve as a “road map”— a help in navigation for the reader in the complicated discussions leading to publication of *Amoris Laetitia*. The uniqueness of this book consists in

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combining the historical analysis of the events leading to the publication of Amoris Laetitia with research of the theological discussion that ensued. Since Amoris Laetitia is a post-synodal exhortation, this book rests on the assumption that crucial for its understanding is a thorough analysis of its genealogy. Only in the light of this historical and theological perspective the debates surrounding Amoris Laetitia may be understood.

Defending Pope Francis's teaching on Amoris Laetitia, this book calls for approaching those who find themselves in complex relationships, with love, compassion, and mercy.

The Human Person in the Philosophy of Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II
A Unique and Professional Explanation of the Pope's Document: Amoris Laetitia

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A Reflection on Amoris laetitia
Transmitting Faith and Values in
Contemporary America

Servais Pinckaers. O.P., and
Contemporary Moral Theology
Discerning Church, A

The Roots of Jorge Mario Bergoglio's
Thinking

“All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together.” Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia In his groundbreaking work on modern family life, **Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family, Pope Francis continues to guide and lead the Church, calling us to be a sign of mercy and encouragement for families of all**

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shapes and sizes. The Our Sunday Visitor edition includes exclusive reflection and discussion questions, to help Catholics grow in our understanding of this call, and act upon it. In Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family the Holy Father expands on the topics and considerations of the two Synods on the family, and adds his own considerations to help us provide pastoral guidance to support and strengthen today's families. On Love in the Family guides us through: Scripture – what we can learn from Biblical families and relationships with God and each other Reality – the experiences and challenges we face in today's world Tradition – essential aspects of Church teaching on marriage and families Love – what it means for all

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**our relationships Ministry – Pope Francis offers pastoral perspectives for helping build strong families
Spirituality – the expression of the Gospel message in our relationships**

With The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family, Pope Francis has drawn on years of the Church's work on the family, most especially the 2014 and 2015 synods of bishops. In nine chapters, the Holy Father draws from the wisdom of Church teaching and dialogue from the recent synods to present a complete message on the most profound human community, the family. He discusses the challenges that families face in today's world, such as extreme poverty and secularization. He also celebrates the most precious tradition of

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marriage and the gift of children while recognizing that the Church must not neglect to address the pastoral needs of our time.

The discussion about the reception of Holy Communion by divorced and remarried persons has been debated intensively for a considerable period. The discussion from the 1970s through 2015 in the Western world involved a theological debate as to decide whether the civilly remarried individuals can or cannot receive communion if they choose to have a sexual relationship with their current civilly married spouse. This discussion can positively help the Church including pastors and the Catholic faithful to understand the full meaning of marriage in terms of life-long indissolubility and the

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universal call to holiness. These debates involved the effort of helping the faithful to understand the teaching that civilly remarried persons should not receive communion unless they intend to abstain from extramarital sexual union. However, when the Church teaching applies in the countries with the influence of Chinese culture, including the mainland, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, there were a variety of challenges. In the Chinese culture, the mentality is shaped mainly by Confucianism, since there is no concept on indissolubility and sexual exclusivity in marriage, this is hard to convince the Chinese Catholics to understand the doctrine about marriage. As a result, there is tension between the Church and

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civilly remarried couples. At the same time, some pastors, especially in the fields of canon law and moral theology, have tried proposed similar to that of Cardinal Walter Kasper's, which are incompatible with the teaching of the magisterium, to convince the remarried faithful that they can receive communion without abstaining from extramarital sexual union. Since these pastors are influential scholars in the Chinese theological area, those suggestions became the main voices in China before 2015. Fortunately, Amoris Laetitia was published in 2016, this document helps the Church to establish a good balance in applying the traditional Church teaching and to show the importance of accompaniment as

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well. The papal document explicitly articulated three messages, firstly, **Amoris Laetitia**, not only followed the idea of **Familiaris Consortio** but also emphasized more fully the diminished subjective culpability of the remarried person, while also insisting on the centrality of indissolubility and the call to holiness as applied to marriage. Therefore, Pope Francis clearly claimed that such persons are not necessarily in mortal sin. Secondly, the mission of the Church is to accompany these persons in discovering the inherent value of marriage and living in deeper conformity to the Gospel. Last but not least, instead of condemning civilly remarried couples, the major task of the pastors is to guide and accompany them on the path of

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moral growth toward the end of living out the Church's teaching. In short, Pope Francis adopts a compassionate approach which shows that even though they should abstain from receiving communion until their situation is regularized, they are still part of the Church; the aim of this compassionate claim is to motivate change and fidelity to the Gospel for those who might otherwise just feel put off by Church teaching. In the light of the apostolic exhortation, this study explores what this accompaniment of the faithful might look like in the Chinese cultural context in regard to moral teaching and catechesis. There are three main bodies of the thesis: First of all, a concise historical overview of the Church

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teaching on prohibiting communion for the divorced and remarried will be introduced; including the basic teaching and its origins from the Scripture and the debates from post-1960's to 2015, before Amoris Laetitia. Secondly, the thesis will show a consideration of the challenges for Chinese Catholics to understand the doctrine due to the meaning of marriage in Chinese Culture; and analysis and response to the main voices in Chinese theological discussion, which contradict the Church's Magisterium. Thirdly, the thesis will suggest a new path charted by the Magisterium, especially in Amoris Laetitia, that focuses on the diminished subjective culpability of the civilly remarried, the accompaniment of these persons,

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and guidance toward the path of moral growth, to help Chinese Catholics to understand and appreciate the teaching so as to facilitate growth toward living it. Concludingly, the thesis examined Amoris Laetitia, compatible with the traditional Church teaching, reaffirmed the state of the second civil marriage is objectively grave sin; also, the papal document put more emphasis on the diminishing of the subjective culpability of remarried faithful; an accompaniment and moral growth. This path of accompaniment can help the Chinese irregular unions to live incontinence. At the end of the thesis, it echoes the voice of Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and John Paul II to introduce that complete continence is a path to

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human fulfillment; in the situation of the faithful in the second civil marriage, complete continence responses the universal call to holiness.

Pope Francis has often expressed his concern for the urgent pastoral needs of families in today's society. Underscoring that deep love and concern for the family, the Pope has spent many months speaking on this subject in his weekly Wednesday audience talks. This book is a collection of all of those talks about the family from Dec. 17, 2014 to Sept. 16, 2015. The Pope covers a wide variety of important subjects directly related to family life, speaking in his personal style that offers wisdom and practical insights for the modern family. His words are for families in general,

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and also directed to the important roles of all those specific persons who make up family life - husbands, wives, parents, children and grandparents. He emphasizes the deep crisis that the family and marriage are undergoing in the Western world, and says that the family is "a new mission field for the Church." He challenges families today to be witnesses to the world of love, fidelity, and service. Some of the specific topics his talks address include: the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth; transmitting the faith; educating the children; family prayer; complementarity of male and female; celebration in family life; mercy and forgiveness; dealing with illness and death; learning the value of work; poverty and

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economic struggles; evangelizing the culture, and much more.

Throughout his addresses, the Holy Father especially emphasizes the primary role of God and faith in family life, and the crucial importance of regular family prayer to draw on God's grace for strength, love, joy and unity within the home.

"The true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. .

. . True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts." - Pope Francis

Pope Francis, the Family, and Divorce

**The Source of Controversy
Gift and Communion**

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Pope Francis on the Joy of Love Challenges and Promises

On Love in the Family

A New Vision of Family Life:

A Discerning Church

presents a theological model for these changing times. It examines the thought of Bernard Lonergan and offers an assessment of the significance of Pope Francis and the church since the Second Vatican Council. It then explores major insights and issues such as ecclesial reform, globalization, and sexuality, that will impact the future of the church.

Introduction A Peek at

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Renewal in Contemporary
Moral Theology: The
Pinckaers Symposium
William C. Mattison, III and
Matthew Levering Moral
Theology in Service of the
Work of the Spirit:
Synthesizing Pinckaers and
Pope Francis Against
Morality of Obligation
David Cloutier Irregular
Unions and Moral Growth in
Amoris Laetitia David Elliot
Instinctus and the Gifts of
the Holy Spirit: Explaining
the Development in St.
Thomas's Teaching on the
Gifts of the Holy Spirit James
W. Stroud Aquinas on the

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Fruits of the Holy Spirit as
the Delight of the Christian
Life Fr. Anton ten Klooster A
New Look at the Last End:
Noun and Verb, Determinate
Yet Capable of Growth
William C. Mattison III The
Virtue of Equity and the
Contemporary World
Elisabeth Rain Kincaid
Pinckaers and Häring on
Conscience Matthew
Levering Quaestiones
Disputatae de Pinckaers Tom
Angier
Amoris Laetitia, Pope
Francis' post-synodal
exhortation on love in the
family, turned out to be one

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of the most controversial documents of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church in recent decades. It was published in April 2016 following the two "Synods of Bishops on the Family" held in 2014 and 2015. The document brought division amongst the Catholic hierarchy, theologians and pastors and nearly two years after its publication the exact meaning of the document and its implications for the Church are still a matter of dispute. A number of prelates present at the Synods indicated that

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these gatherings were animated by "the spirit of Vatican II." This work links the notion of "the spirit of Vatican II" with Amoris Laetitia and it argues that a hermeneutics of interpretation of the Second Vatican Council which focuses on following "the spirit of the Council" is the hermeneutics which can be, and in the future most likely will be, the predominant way of interpreting and implementing Amoris Laetitia. This book aims to provide a contribution to this hotly debated topic in the

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field of Catholic theology. The Power of Forgiveness, Pope Francis on Reconciliation calls the reader to explore the mercy of God, received in a profound way by turning toward God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This heartfelt collection of the Pope's reflections on the need for repentance, awareness of sin, God's divine mercy, forgiveness of others, and confession and absolution, is a transformative read for Catholics of all vocational states!

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The Indissolubility of Marriage

A Unique and Professional Explainable of the Pope's Document: Amoris Laetitia Implications of the Exclusion of the Civilly Divorced and Remarried Chinese Catholics from Communion in Light of Amoris Laetitia

Theological and Pastoral Reflections on Amoris Laetitia

Catholic Discordance On the Family

Religious Parenting

To young Christians of the world, Pope Francis has a message for you: "Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!"

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In his fourth apostolic exhortation, Christus Vivit, Pope Francis encapsulates the work of the 2018 synod of bishops on "Young People, The Faith, and Vocational Discernment." Pope Francis has always had a special relationship with young people, and in his fatherly love for you he shows that: You can relate to young people in Scripture who made a difference You identify with the Christ who is always young You face difficult issues in the world today You yearn for the truth of the Gospel You are capable of amazing things when you respond to the Gospel You learn and grow with help from the faithful of all generations You need bold and creative youth ministry You can discover who God made you to be You are urged to pray for discernment Christus Vivit is written for and to young people, but Pope Francis also

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wrote it for the entire Church, because, as he says, reflecting on our young people inspires us all. "May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us."

A practical guide to understanding and implementing Amoris Laetitia. The pastoral implications of this document will be of interest to church professionals.

There is no papal document that has generated as much interest, controversy, and debate in recent times as Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia. This document, which came out of two very divisive synods of Catholic bishops and leaders in Rome in 2014 and 2015, will probably be the most discussed

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document ever produced by a pope in modern Catholicism on marriage and family life. This volume has gathered seminal commentaries on Amoris Laetitia by African Catholic theologians, social scientists, and pastoral workers. They offer African theological and pastoral responses to the principles and practices proposed by Pope Francis and the Synod on the family on such contested issues as same-sex relations, divorce and remarriage, and reception and denial of Holy Communion in the church, among other divisive issues. These important essays and commentaries show the strengths and weaknesses of this papal commentary and point out the missing link in the global conversation on marriage, family, and same-sex relations. Their argument for the inclusion of African perspectives and

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moral traditions in the search for a third way in finding an inclusive and integrated pastoral art of accompaniment is very compelling. The authors here also call for the inclusion of Africa's own unique challenges--like polygamy, childless marriages, and the impact of migration, civil conflict, diseases, ecological and population crises, and the rights of African women--in the global discussion on marriage and family life. They also challenge uncritical cliches in world Christianity that Africa's opposition to same-sex marriages (or Western propaganda about population or birth control and contraception) are conservative, while showing diverse African conversations on these topics in the search for abundant life on this beautiful continent.

The dangerous tendency to reduce

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theological positions to political ones has always fueled divisions in the Church, and it plagues debates surrounding Pope Francis's teaching today. This collection of essays was born of a landmark international symposium designed to promote theological understanding by contextualizing the thought of Pope Francis—from his understanding of history to his theology of mission—within important theological conversations rarely heard in the US Catholic Church. Its contributors demonstrate decisively that Pope Francis's magisterium is the fruit of a profound and distinctive, yet deeply Catholic, intellectual engagement with the theological and ecclesial traditions of the Church. Contributors include: Austen Ivereigh, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Rodrigo Guerra López, Bishop Robert Barron, Massimo

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**Borghesi, Susan K. Wood, SCL, Rocco
Buttiglione, Guzmán Carriquiry
Lecour, Peter J. Casarella, Brian Y.
Lee, Thomas L. Knoebel**

Inside the Vatican

Before Amoris Laetitia

The Sources of the Controversy

Amoris Laetitia and the spirit of

Vatican II

**The Power of Forgiveness: Pope Francis
on Reconciliation**

He and I

To Light a Fire on the Earth

Given the Catholic Church's complex history concerning divorce and remarriage, it's not surprising that the promulgation of Amoris Laetitia in 2016 caused such a stir among the laity, the

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press, some theologians, and even some bishops. This book endeavors to introduce concepts and contexts for understanding the document in a new light, explain what the rule of law actually means, and hopefully open a door to further discussion among theologians and clergy whose critical comments have so often missed the point of Francis's apostolic exhortation. Amoris laetitia calls on the Church to minister in a different way to families. In this document, Pope Francis offers a new vision of

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pastoral care that insists that the Church has a mission to accompany, discern, and integrate families into the Body of Christ, no matter the challenges in their lives. In *A New Vision of Family Life: A Reflection on Amoris laetitia*, Fr. Louis J. Cameli helps pastoral staff understand how they can support families as they accompany them through difficulties, aid them in discerning their conscience, and integrate them into the parish community. The author shows that such

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support is vital if the Church is to form families as disciples. Fr. Cameli shows pastoral staff that they can help families see how God works in their lives, understand their experience in light of the Gospel, hear how God is calling them to conversion, and carry their conversion to a world in need. The book situates marriage and family life as a central focus for transformation in the Christian life. Questions at the end of each chapter help the reader reflect on how parishes can implement the

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vision in Amoris laetitia. In his post-synodal exhortation Amoris laetitia, Pope Francis calls upon the church to "make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations." Respect for personal conscience and pastoral discernment should also guide the church's theological stance and pastoral attitude toward contemporary forms of living

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together, especially those that do not conform to the ideal of exclusive and lifelong marriage. This volume explores the implications of this vision, with particular regard to the divorced and remarried.

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"Developed by the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth of the United States Conference of Catholic

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Bishops"--T.p. verso.

Process Thought and Roman
Catholicism

Family of Families

Destined for Liberty

Marriage: Love and Life in
the Divine Plan

The Joy of Love

Love, Joy, and Sex

A New Momentum for Moral
Formation and Pastoral
Practice

*Laudato Si 'is Pope Francis'
second encyclical which focuses
on the theme of the environment.
In fact, the Holy Father in his
encyclical urges all men and
women of good will, the rulers
and all the powerful on earth to
reflect deeply on the theme of the*

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environment and the care of our planet. This is our common home, we must take care of it and love it - the Holy Father tells us - because its end is also ours. Gift and Communion offers a critical presentation of John Paul II's theology of the body, understood in the light of Christian theological tradition. The main thesis of the book is that John Paul II's theology of the body forms a new, inspiring approach to Christian ethics and the theology of marriage and family, as well as to theological anthropology. A central thrust of Gift and Communion is to treat theology of the body - as it deserves - in all its philosophical and theological seriousness and to present it as an important

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*stage in the historical
development of Catholic theology
In this compelling new work,
Jaroslaw Kupczak, O.P., presents
a complete introduction to John
Paul II's theory of the human
person*

*This book explores convergences
and divergences between process
thought and Roman Catholicism.
It examines why process
philosophy and process theology
have had a minimal impact in
Roman Catholic circles compared
to Protestantism, and
investigates avenues of
promising engagement between
process thought and Roman
Catholicism.*

*The Orthodoxy of Amoris Laetitia
Laudato Si'
In Defense of Truth and Mercy*

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*Neoconservatism vs. the Field
Hospital Church of Pope Francis
The Joy of Love: Holy Father
Apostolic Exhortation on Love in
the Family
Reflections on the Apostolic
Exhortation Amoris Laetitia of
Pope Francis
Amoris Laetitia*

Pope Francis takes a pastoral approach to the family in this long-awaited exhortation. This is an important document that will guide the Church for years to come in its care and attention to the family in all its dimensions. A study guide is included so it can be used for small-group discussion and reflection. Or read it together

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as a family!

Drawing on more than a hundred interviews with Vatican officials, this book affords a firsthand look at the people, the politics, and the organization behind the institution. Throughout, revealing and colorful anecdotes from church history and the present day bring the unique culture of the Vatican to life.

Essays by distinguished bishops and theologians that not only introduce readers to the theological depth found in Amoris Laetitia, but consider the full document, including its

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reception in the multicultural and diverse environment that characterizes the church in the United States and the full range of challenges and issues related to marriage and family life.

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Fratelli Tutti

Pope Francis, Lonergan, and a
Theological Method for the
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Christus Vivit

Encyclical on Fraternity and
Social Friendship

The Pope Who Changed the
Church

Mercy and the Rule of Law

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African Conversation on Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia and the Gospel of Family in a Divided World

A revised and improved translation of Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, *Humanae vitae*.

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The highly anticipated follow-up to Bishop Robert Barron's hugely successful *Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith* As secularism gains influence, and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is. In this compelling new book--drawn from conversations with and narrated by award-winning Vatican journalist John L. Allen, Jr.--Barron, founder of *Word on Fire* Catholic Ministries, proclaims in vivid language the goodness and truth of the Catholic tradition.

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Through Barron's smart, practical, artistic, and theological observations as well as personal anecdotes--from engaging atheists on YouTube to discussing his days as a young diehard baseball fan from Chicago--*To Light a Fire on the Earth* covers prodigious ground. Touching on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of Church in modern times, beauty, art, and social media, Barron reveals why the Church matters today and how Catholics can intelligently engage a skeptical world.

How parents approach the task of passing on religious faith and practice to their children How do American parents pass their religion on to their children? At a

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time of overall decline of traditional religion and an increased interest in personal “ spirituality, ” Religious Parenting investigates the ways that parents transmit religious beliefs, values, and practices to their kids. We know that parents are the most important influence on their children ’ s religious lives, yet parents have been virtually ignored in previous work on religious socialization. Renowned religion scholar Christian Smith and his collaborators Bridget Ritz and Michael Rotolo explore American parents ’ strategies, experiences, beliefs, and anxieties regarding religious transmission through hundreds of in-depth interviews that span religious traditions, social classes, and

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family types all around the country. Throughout we hear the voices of evangelical, Catholic, Mormon, mainline and black Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist parents and discover that, despite massive diversity, American parents share a nearly identical approach to socializing their children religiously. For almost all, religion is important for the foundation it provides for becoming one's best self on life's difficult journey. Religion is primarily a resource for navigating the challenges of this life, not preparing for an afterlife. Parents view it as their job, not religious professionals', to ground their children in life-enhancing religious values that provide resilience, morality, and a sense of purpose.

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Challenging longstanding sociological and anthropological assumptions about culture, the authors demonstrate that parents of highly dissimilar backgrounds share the same “cultural models” when passing on religion to their children. Taking an extensive look into questions of religious practice and childrearing, *Religious Parenting* uncovers parents’ real-life challenges while breaking innovative theoretical ground.

Humanae Vitae

Accompanying, Discerning, Integrating: A Handbook for the Pastoral Care of the Family According to Amoris Laetitia
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Proclaiming the Gospel in a

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Secular Age

On the care of the common home
Amoris Laetitia on Marriage,
Divorce and Remarriage

The famous account of Gabrielle Bossis' dialogues with Jesus. As simple reflections on the Gospels this book is a daily companion that encourages growth in one's personal relationship with the Lord. This well-researched book explains why the Catholic Church continues to teach marital indissolubility and addresses the numerous contemporary challenges to that teaching. It surveys the

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patristic witness to marital indissolubility, along with Orthodox and Protestant views, as well as historical-critical biblical exegesis on the contested biblical passages. It also surveys the Catholic tradition from the Trent through Benedict XVI, and it examines a Catholic argument that the Catholic Church's teaching can and should change. Then it explores Amoris Laetitia, the papal exhortation from Pope Francis on marriage, and the various major responses to it, with the issue of marital indissolubility at the

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indissolubility is thereby undermined. Fortunately, the main interpreters of Amoris Laetitia, whose views have been approved by Pope Francis, insist that the Apostolic Exhortation does not change the doctrine of marital indissolubility in any way.

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it unfavorably with other church documents. But is this really the case? In this book, Pedro Gabriel sets out to explore Amoris Laetitia's controversial eighth chapter. What does the document actually teach as it pertains to the access of divorced and civilly remarried people to the Eucharist, and how can it constitute a legitimate development? As Pedro Gabriel tries to answer these questions, he will also cover the most common arguments being leveled against Amoris Laetitia, and show how this exhortation

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