



Marriage



Commemorative Gift for Couples Marrying in the Church

WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

A commemorative card with a blessing, suitable for framing, to mark the World Meeting of Families. The card will be offered to each couple getting married in a Catholic church in Ireland for the year up to August 2018.

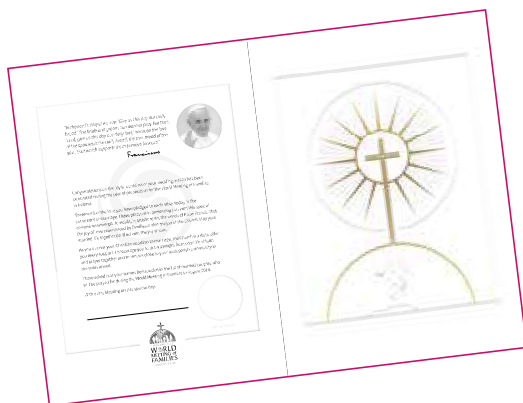
WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE?

- The commemorative cards are available at the local diocesan office.
- A short explanatory note on the gift is available online.
- There is no charge for the cards.



WHY TAKE THIS INITIATIVE?

- This is an opportunity to communicate to the couple and those attending the wedding ceremony the core message about marriage in *The Joy of Love*.



‘Lord, give us this day our daily love,’





HOW DOES THIS WORK IN A PARISH?

- 1** The commemorative cards are held in each diocesan office.
- 2** The parish simply contacts the office at least a month in advance of each wedding, giving the names of the couples to be married.
- 3** The commemorative card, with the couple's names and signed blessing from the bishop, will be sent to the parish.
- 4** The commemorative card is given to the couple as part of the wedding ceremony.

