1. Join the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative movement in the pursuit of a sacramental marriage!

2. Meet with your priest or deacon and share the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative About Flyer with him.
   - All resources can be found at witnesstolove.org/civilmarriage.

3. Choose a mentor couple to grow in relationship and journey with throughout your sacramental marriage formation.
   - Your chosen mentor couples should be active in their Church parish and have a marriage that you admire! Find guidelines for choosing your mentor couple at witnesstolove.org/civilmarriage.

   - Couples meet 4 times over 3-6 months; 3 meetings occur prior to the sacramental wedding day and one occurs after.

5. Attend a couples retreat!
   - The retreat is optional but highly encouraged, particularly after couples complete Chapter 2 of the workbook. We recommend: An existing parish or diocese’s marriage enrichment retreat or United in Love, United in Christ.

6. Mentor couple hosts civilly married couple and clergy for dinner in their home; Couples discuss the Sacrament of Marriage, friendship, and virtue.

7. **Wedding Day!**
   - Gift your spouse with the ability to receive the grace of sacramental marriage and God’s greatest gift to you both—the Holy Eucharist.
Step by Step

CHURCH PARISH

Civil Marriage Initiative

Witness to Love

Join the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative movement and gift civilly married couples in your parish with an opportunity for a sacramental marriage!

Order the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative Starter Kit at witnesstolove.org/civilmarriage.

• Parish receives access to the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative materials online at witnesstolove.org.

• Parish receives access to the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative Church Promo Kit.

Start spreading the word and reaching civilly married couples! Launch a 30-Day Civil Marriage Campaign in your parish using the Church Promo Kit.

We recommend: Launch the 30-Day Civil Marriage Campaign during Lent or September and October.

Gift the civilly married couples with a sacramental marriage! The couple is integrated into the Church parish life and community.

Provide continued accompaniment to the newly wedded couple with mentor couples.

Schedule and meet individually with each civilly married couple and assist them in choosing a mentor couple with which to journey.

Mentor couple hosts civilly married couple and couple discusses how to sign up.

Start an Annulment Workshop with the aid of your Diocesan Tribunal (based on need).

Host a Couples Retreat!

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Civilly married couples and mentor couples conduct a coaching session with the mentor coordinator.

Have your Marriage Prep Coordinator conduct a coaching session with the mentor couple.

Promo Kit.

In your parish using the Church Civil Marriage Initiative, launch a 30-Day Civil Marriage Campaign.

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• Parish receives access to the Witness to Love: Civil Marriage Initiative Starter Kit at witnesstolove.org.

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