

REMAIN IN MY LOVE  
INITIATIVE FOR THE RENEWAL OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE



## PLENARY SESSIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES & FAMILIES

Join us for the third and final year of the Archbishop's *Remain in My Love* initiative! At each session, national Catholic speakers will present the splendor of Christ's teachings on the high dignity of the vocation of marriage and Christian family life. There will also be a personal testimony from a witness couple, a call to action and time for Q&A and discussion.

### Topic 1

#### MARRIAGE: CREATED BY GOD, FOR GOD

*The Sacramentality of Marriage*

**Speaker:** Megan Murphy

- **Sun, Mar 10, 1:00-3:30 PM**  
Saints Simon and Jude Parish,  
West Chester
- **Sun, Mar 17, 2:00-4:30 PM**  
Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter  
and Paul, Philadelphia
- **Sun, Mar 31, 1:00-3:30 PM**  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish,  
Warminster

### Topic 2

#### HE SAW THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD

*The Goods of Marriage*

**Speaker:** Father Dennis Gill

- **Sun, June 2, 2:00-4:30 PM**  
Saints Simon and Jude Parish,  
West Chester
- **Sat, June 15, 1:00-3:30 PM**  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish,  
Warminster
- **Sun, June 30, 2:00-4:30 PM**  
Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter  
and Paul, Philadelphia

### Topic 3

#### FAMILIES, BECOME WHAT YOU ARE!

*The Family as the Domestic Church*

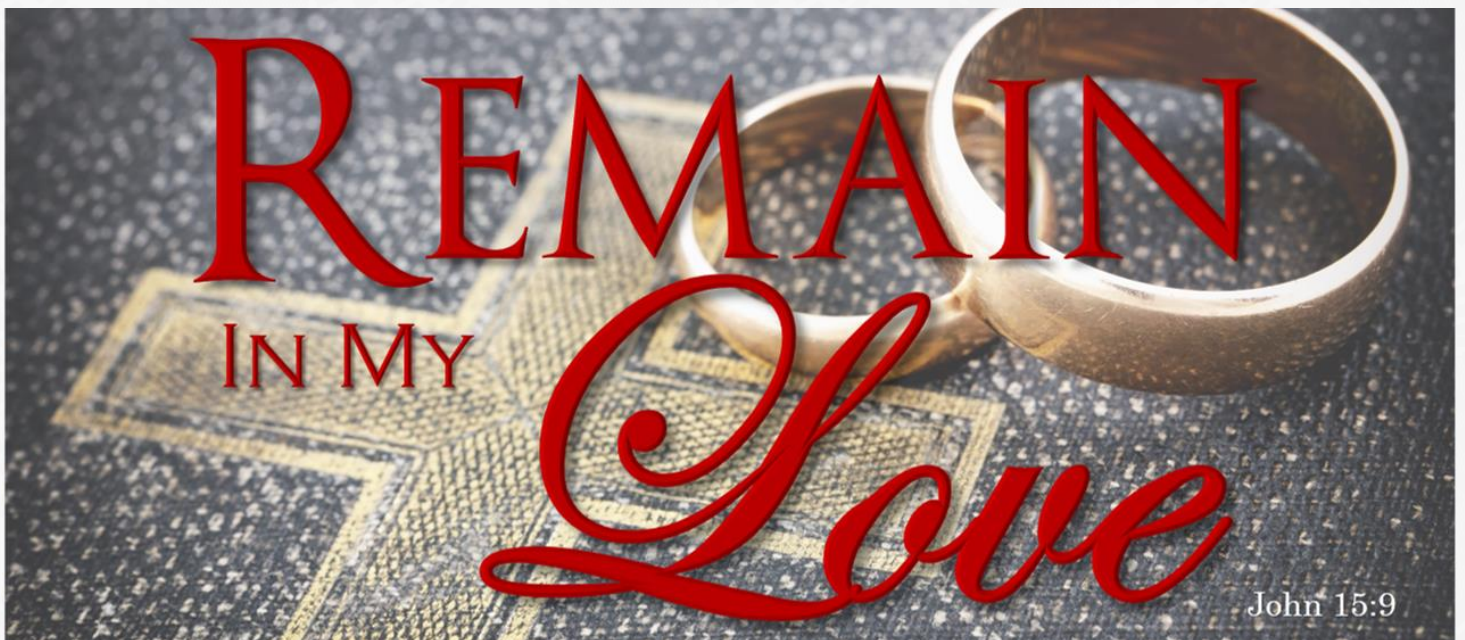
**Speaker:** Damon Owens

- **Sun, Sept 15, 2:00 PM-4:30 PM**  
Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter  
and Paul, Philadelphia
- **Sun, Sept 22, 1:00-3:30 PM**  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish,  
Warminster
- **Sun, TBD**  
Saints Simon and Jude Parish,  
West Chester

*The same presentation is offered in each of the three locations listed for each topic.*

Free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided during each presentation. Please RSVP.  
More information, speaker bios and online registration can be found at:

[archphila.org/remain2019](http://archphila.org/remain2019)



### **ABOUT REMAIN IN MY LOVE**

In 2017, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput announced a three year project, [Remain in My Love](#), directed to every member of the clergy and lay faithful, to every parish and institution and to the families of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Its goal is to reinvigorate our understanding, practices and celebrations of Christian marriage and family life.

Year 1 (2017) was addressed to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and Year 2 (2018) was for parish staffs. This third and final year (2019) brings the Church's good news about marriage and family life to all of the people of the Archdiocese. The three key topics of Years 1 and 2 will be presented in Plenary Sessions throughout the Archdiocese and are open to everyone. These presentations aim to immerse all of us in the splendor of Christ's teachings about marriage and family and to provide a way for married couples and families to meet and support one another. There is no more urgent time than now to bring marriage and family to new life and to work to protect this most precious institution created by God.

The 2019 Plenary Sessions will take place primarily on Sundays. Families are encouraged to "make a day of it", attending Mass together, perhaps going out to eat together and then attending a session. All are asked to register for the sessions at [archphila.org/remain2019](http://archphila.org/remain2019).

#### **The Plenary Sessions will include:**

- Keynote address by a national Catholic speaker
- A personal witness from a married couple
- Discussion, Q & A and a call to action on the topic
- Childcare will be available at each session
- Local marriage and family ministry information

### **NOTE FOR PARISH STAFF**

Many parishes of the Archdiocese participated in Year 2 of the Remain in My Love initiative. If for some reason your parish was not able to do so, you can do so this year by following the Guidebook for Parish Staff, which can be found on the website, [archphila.org/remain2019](http://archphila.org/remain2019).

Pastors and Parish Staffs that did participate in Year 2 are invited to share observations, suggestions and plans from the parish discussions to strengthen married life and the family. These comments will be published for the benefit of everyone on the Remain in My Love website and will also aid the presenters throughout 2019. Pastors are asked to forward these comments to Donna Huddell at [dhuddell@archphila.org](mailto:dhuddell@archphila.org).

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT YEAR 3**

If you have any questions about Year 3, please contact Father Dennis Gill at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).