REMAIN IN MY Love

John 15:9

Small Reading Groups on Marriage

- In this third year of the *Remain in My Love* initiative, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia welcomes all the faithful to launch CanaVox reading groups.

- CanaVox reading groups explore the truths of the Catholic faith and natural law concerning marriage using readings and videos that are modern, relevant, and practical.

- CanaVox groups foster positive, forward-looking dialogue on the pressing issues facing our marriage culture. They aim to provide participants with language to speak with others in an informed and compelling manner on what we believe about marriage.

- Discussion topics include: Divorce, Pornography, Cohabitation, Infertility, Loving Those with Same-Sex Attraction, Fatherhood, and more. The full list of topics and readings can be found at archphila.org/canavox. Readings are also available in Spanish.

- It is recommended that two leaders be trained for each small group that is launched. To start a group and train leaders, contact April Readlinger at aprilr@canavox.com.

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REMAIN IN MY LOVE: YEAR THREE
CANAVOX SMALL READING GROUPS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are CanaVox Reading Groups?

As part of the Archdiocesan *Remain in My Love* initiative to renew marriage and family life, parishioners within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to launch CanaVox small reading groups. In these groups, participants will gather to explore and discuss the truths of the Catholic faith and natural law concerning marriage. The readings for each session address the problems our marriage culture faces, but also provide solutions and hope. CanaVox group readings can be found at archphila.org/canavox.

Who are the groups for?

During this third year of the *Remain in My Love* initiative, CanaVox groups are offered to all the faithful, and more than one group is encouraged in each parish. For example, a volunteer might launch a small group for young adults, another for wives or husbands, one for teachers, and/or a group for faith formation leaders.

How do the groups work?

Participants read the articles and watch the videos assigned for a particular session on their own time. In the small group session, participants engage in positive, meaningful discussion about the readings/videos. Each group will have a leader who helps to facilitate the discussion, using a Leader's Guide that will help the leader facilitate the discussion. All group leaders will go through a short training to help them lead their reading group.

How do I get trained to lead a group?

Our training is quick and simple! You just need to participate in one short video conferencing call. During this call, we discuss the principles we cheer for, the rules of conversation that CanaVox groups follow, and you will join-in on a live video reading group with other group leaders in training.

How much reading will there be?

The readings (and some videos) for each session can be completed in about 45 minutes to one hour. But even if you aren't able to complete the readings before each meeting, we encourage you attend the group and join in the discussion.

What are the topics that will be discussed?

The *Remain in My Love* syllabus contains 12 sessions on the following topics: The Meaning of Marriage; Marital Love; Contraception and NFP; Adultery and the Hook-up Culture; Cohabitation; Divorce; The Importance of Fatherhood; Pornography; Infertility, IVF and the Better Way; Understanding and Loving Those with Same-Sex Attraction; Transgender Identity; and Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting.

When and where do groups meet?

It is recommended that groups meet once a month. Group meetings last 60-75 minutes. Groups may be hosted wherever is comfortable and convenient. Some groups meet in homes, others meet in parish centers or other office space and some even meet in coffee shops.

How can we get started?

Email April Readlinger at aprilr@canavox.com. Once we receive your information, we will be in touch to start the process.