How do I bring *Witness to Love* to my parish?

Each parish should have a Marriage Prep coordinator to be the point of contact. This role can be filled by a deacon, staff member, or a mentor couple. Trainings are **online and free** for a special promotion during the months of July and August.

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*Such marriage preparation is an “antidote that impedes the multiplication of null and inconsistent marriage celebrations.”*  
- Pope Francis
Echoing St. John Paul II’s *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope Francis is calling for a new catechumenate in sacramental preparation for Holy Matrimony.

Many young couples are **on the margins** of their faith and need to be accompanied, evangelized, and given solid catechesis.

**What is Witness to Love?**
Witness to Love is a marriage prep tool that prepares couples for a sacramental marriage and fosters their transition into a welcoming community of faith before and after their marriage.

**What makes Witness to Love different?**
A marriage catechumenate model, this approach focuses on developing key relationships in order to integrate engaged and newly married couples into their own parish. Clergy, marriage prep coordinators, and mentor couples act together as a team to prepare the engaged couple for marriage and to welcome them into the parish family.

A unique component of Witness to Love is that engaged couples are invited to choose mentors whom they already know and trust (and who meet basic requirements). An evangelization model, Witness to Love facilitates encounters with Christ and deep conversions.

**How does it work?**
Witness to Love provides a rich formation and accompaniment for engaged and newly married couples through an 8-step process:

1. Meeting with Clergy
2. Coaching Session with Marriage Prep Coordinator and Mentor Couple
3. Monthly Meetings with Mentor Couple using Workbooks and Videos
4. Parish/Deanery Engaged Couples Retreat (Mentors Invited)
5. Theological Discussion and Meal at Mentor’s Home
6. Both Couples Welcome to the Parish and Invited to Small Groups
7. Wedding Day!
8. Continued Accompaniment by Mentor Couple and Parish Community