

# SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

From The Respect Life Office

## THE JOY OF LOVE (AMORIS LAETITIA)

by *Pope Francis*

The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) brings together the results of the two Synods on the Family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015.

Striking for its breadth and detail—and firmly grounded in the challenges of family experiences—the Joy of Love affirms the rich and complex reality of family life with pastoral care, speaking the language of experience and hope.

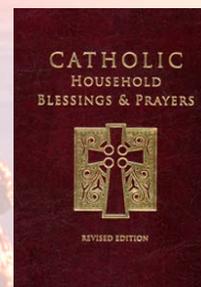
Pope Francis reaches out to married couples, parents, and children in a spirit of accompaniment, asking everyone to read slowly, paying special attention to what applies most to our different needs. The Joy of Love is truly remarkable for its practical and concrete suggestions. It also challenges us to be understanding in the face of complex and painful situations.



## Catholic Household Blessings And Prayers: Revised Edition

by *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*

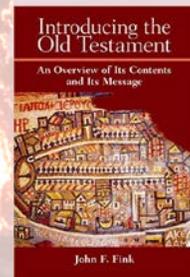
The newly revised Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers is the perfect resource for parents and children to explore the rich treasury of the Catholic tradition of prayer. Learn the "by-hearts"-the essential prayers that every Catholic child and adult need to know by memory.



## Introducing the Old Testament: An Overview of its Contents and its Message

by *John F. Fink*

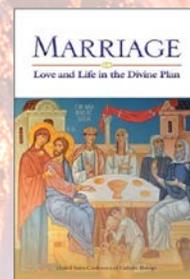
Held by the Catechism as "an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture," the Old Testament is the foundation for understanding Christ and the Christian faith. The author makes this essential part of the Bible accessible and captivating for any and every reader.



## 365 Daily Meditations With Pope Francis

by *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*

Explores the blessing of marriage as a public commitment between a man and woman and emphasizes the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage, the relationship between the two aspects, and the sacramental nature of marriage.



## The Gabriel Prayer Book

by *Deacon Roy Barkley from the Diocese of Austin*

This book guides expectant mothers as they await the birth of their child. It offers prayers for the mother, the unborn child, the care providers, and for guidance when making difficult decisions regarding pregnancy.