

## **Presentation**

We are offering a catechetical path from seven themes developed in your parish or family in light of Pope Francis' gift to the world in his Apostolic Post-Synodal Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. This path, composed of seven catecheses, is accompanied by the icon from the Gospel of Luke (2:41–52) that tells how the 12-year-old Jesus was lost and then found again in the temple. Interweaving the text of *Amoris Laetitia* and the unique story of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we want to show the timeliness of the proclamation of the Gospel of the Family and its prophetic character. Starting with a look at the life of today's families (1st catechesis), we highlight the extraordinary concreteness and relevancy of God's Word, which can always illuminate all the daily aspects of a family's life at home (2nd catechesis), so that it may correspond to God's great dream for every family (3rd catechesis), even where human frailties and weaknesses seem to break it (4th catechesis). All this makes the family the true generator of a new culture in the world, of a culture which is naturally that of life (5th catechesis), hope (6th catechesis), and joy (7th catechesis).

### **Themes:**

March: FIRST THEME Today's Families

April: SECOND THEME Families in the Light of the Word of God

May: THIRD THEME God's Great Dream

June: FOURTH THEME The Great Dream for Everyone

July: FIFTH THEME The Culture of Life

August: SIXTH THEME The Culture of Hope

September: SEVENTH THEME The Culture of Joy