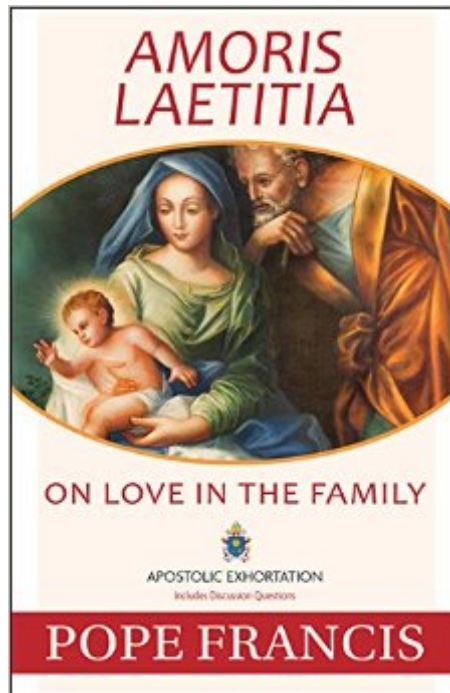


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Amoris Laetitia: On Love In The Family



Synopsis

All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* In his groundbreaking work on modern family life, *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*, Pope Francis continues to guide and lead the Church, calling us to be a sign of mercy and encouragement for families of all shapes and sizes. The Our Sunday Visitor edition includes exclusive reflection and discussion questions, to help Catholics grow in our understanding of this call, and act upon it. In *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family* the Holy Father expands on the topics and considerations of the two Synods on the family, and adds his own considerations to help us provide pastoral guidance to support and strengthen today's families. *On Love in the Family* guides us through: Scripture what we can learn from Biblical families and relationships with God and each other Reality the experiences and challenges we face in today's world Tradition essential aspects of Church teaching on marriage and families Love what it means for all our relationships Ministry Pope Francis offers pastoral perspectives for helping build strong families Spirituality the expression of the Gospel message in our relationships

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Customer Reviews

I'm giving it four stars, because like much of Pope Francis' writings it is too verbose. It could have been more precise. Nevertheless well worth reading and right in the Catholic tradition of explaining the truth, with love and pastoral concern. I don't understand the reviewer who gave it one star and said it lacked substance; I doubt if he read it. Highly recommended.

Another one of Pope Francis' earlier works that was published by Our Sunday Visitor is *Amoris Laetitia*. Surprisingly, not many publishers decided to publish this Apostolic Exhortation, despite its subject matter of love in the family. The exhortation is divided into nine parts: 1. In the Light of the Word 2. The Experiences and Challenges of Families 3. Looking to Jesus: The Vocation of the Family 4. Love in Marriage 5. Love Made Fruitful 6. Some Pastoral Perspectives 7. Towards a Better Education of Children 8. Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating Weakness 9. The Spirituality of Marriage and the Family. Within this work Pope Francis draws from Scripture and Tradition to further illuminate his writing. I particularly liked Part 3 as it talks about Jesus restoring the family in the image of the Holy Trinity. It also references Church Documents when he talks about the role and importance of the family. As with *Laudato Si'*, this book too comes with discussion questions in the back of the book. However, in addition to discussion questions, there is also a short reflection section. This makes it perfect for individual or small group study. If you want to know what the Pope says on the family, then look no further than this book and pick up a copy.

Rather than read the snippets of this book that are selectively quoted by those with a hidden agenda, read the whole thing for yourself. I am very glad that I did. Pope Francis encourages and challenges all of us to love, honor and cherish the family - even, and perhaps especially, when it falls short of perfection. This should be required reading for young couples thinking about marriage.

I would advise people to simply and humbly read this document for what it really says. God's work is not accomplished by rage and innuendo. Just make a prayerful reading of the document and formulate your own conclusions.

In a culture and era when the basic building block of society is more and more ignored, Pope Francis speaks words of truth. When love is debased and family disintegrating, his words are a powerful reminder of our nature and a clarion call to renew our commitment to unselfish love and strengthened family life.

Without exception, the Pope's commentaries in Chapter 4, "Love in Marriage," on St. Paul's lengthy list of the characteristics of true love is the deepest, most rewarding, magnificent celebration of true love I have ever, or will ever encounter. I will continue reading this work with the greatest of expectations.

Worth reading. Free kindle version also available on another site.

Beautiful, deep, inspiring and clear. This is the best book written by a pope I've ever read. And there is not a close second! I'm very grateful for Pope Francis and his work.

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