

## Staff Changes

Welcome Krista & Janet!

Krista Osendorf is our new Fully Engaged Coordinator. Formally a Special Education Para Professional, Krista brings a wealth of information and experience to the program.

Krista and her husband Mike are farmers and parents of three teenage boys.

She succeeds Kristin Molitor, who in early November, accepted a position as the New Evangelization Director for a five parish cluster in Holdingford Minnesota.

Next to join the Fully Engaged team is Janet Dusek in the billing and processing payments department. Her background as a Residential Loan Closer is an asset.

Janet and her husband Rod are parents of two children. She succeeds Angie, who after 46 years of service with the Diocese of St. Cloud, retired in July.

## Bilingual Training Materials

Bilingual (English & Spanish) training materials are now available for purchase.

The \$20 training manual also includes a flash drive along with the PowerPoint presentation. (The English only version is \$15.)

A 6-hour DVD training set, available in English or Spanish, can be purchased for \$25.

To purchase training materials, e-mail Krista at [fe@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:fe@gw.stcdio.org) or call (320) 252-4721.

## Effects of Drugs & Alcohol on Marriage Video

Without a doubt drugs and alcohol negatively impact marriage relationships. So a video "Effects of Drugs & Alcohol on Marriage", produced by the St. Cloud Diocese shows the importance of recognizing issues and need for treatment prior to engaged couples marrying.

Video participants--a married couple, a Catholic psychologist and a member from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal share their expertise and experiences.

View the 22 min. video at <http://www.getfullyengaged.com/facilitators/additional-resources/> Under Facilitator Resources, Materials for Working with Engaged Couples then "Video Links."

## Convalidation Inventory

The Convalidation Inventory is designed for couples who have been civilly married. Topical areas covered are:

- Marriage as a Sacrament
- Catholic Identity
- Family of Origin Issues
- Communication & Conflict Resolution
- Recreation, Friendships, Habits & Behaviors
- Finances
- Intimacy & Sexuality
- Catholic Parenting
- Vocations & Careers
- Special sections for Ecumenical Marriage, Second Marriage & Blended Families

The Convalidation Facilitator Guide pages include in-depth catechetical teaching points, additional references to scripture and quotes from the Couple's Workbook. These materials also carry a Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur.

Convalidation Preview package: English \$25, Spanish \$25 or Bilingual (English & Spanish) is \$34 plus shipping and handling.

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## Growing Toward Lasting Fidelity

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This issue

Enhancements to Couple's Workbook  
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## Enhancements to Couple's Workbook

### Why the changes?

Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date information to assist engaged couples achieve faith and love filled marriages. To accomplish this certain topical areas in the Couple's Workbook were enhanced to incorporate information provided by the recent publications: the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation On Love in the Family *Amoris Laetitia* and Synods on the Family in 2014 and 2015.

### What Sections changed in the Couple's Workbook?

- **Communications:** Information on social media along with three reflection questions were added.
- **Catholic Identity:** Information with practical tips for praying together as a couple was added. Reflection Questions #1 and #5 were replaced with more poignant questions regarding the importance of prayer in a married couple's life.
- **Intimacy:** Updated pornography content was added. Incorporated into this section are references to the U.S. Bishop's new document, *Create in Me a Clean Heart*. A sub-question was also added to reflection question #5.
- **Infertility and Adoption:** Text was updated and information added to expand this topical area. A Reflection Question was added referring to how the couple would deal with a distressing pre-natal diagnosis.
- **Catholic Parenting:** Information about what a parent's role is in living out their baptismal call and their responsibility to their children as they are baptized as well as two new reflection questions were added.
- **Marriage as a Sacrament:** Text was revised to reflect the changes in the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

### What changed in the Facilitator's Guide?

Changes in the Couple's Workbook have resulted in changes in the Facilitator's Guide. References to paragraphs in the Couple's Workbook were changed to correspond with the workbook. Reflection Questions were changed as needed. References to the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* were implemented as well as quotes from *Amoris Laetitia* were added.

### Are new Facilitator' Guide Pages available?

**Yes.** Updated pages are available for \$10 plus shipping for insertion into existing manuals. Contact Krista at [fe@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:fe@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 252-4721 to order.

### Can I continue to use the "old" Facilitator Guide pages?

**Yes. Note, however, page number references to the Couple's Workbook have changed and the additional text and reflection questions are not contained in the 2011 edition pages.**