

Fall Lecture Series

THE JOY OF LOVE (*AMORIS LAETITIA*)

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Please join us for this three-part series as together we explore the ongoing impact of *Amoris Laetitia* (available at www.vatican.va). Each session will be a stand-alone experience leading us to the next session.

THEMES AND SCHEDULE:

Love that lasts an eternity

Tuesday, October 3 from 7-8pm

Love begins with God and we learn how to love in the example of the communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The study of *Amoris Laetitia* begins in the exploration of the meaning of love that is grounded in communion, self-giving and fidelity. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 1-7, 67-70, 90)

Freedom for love as freedom to love

Tuesday, October 17 from 7-8pm

Our faith teaches that family is a "school of love." In *Amoris Laetitia* we learn that real love begins in the freedom to love and be loved. Join us in exploring the characteristics that describe the kind of love that makes marriage and family life a reflection of God's love. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 58-85, 90-119, 319-320)

A Church that loves: The practice of accompaniment toward a deeper love for Jesus

Tuesday, November 7 from 7-8pm

Pope Francis writes that "only in contemplating Christ can a person come to know the deepest truth about human relationships." In *Amoris Laetitia*, we reflect on some of the "hard teachings" of Christian love in a secular age. (*Amoris Laetitia*, paragraphs 143-164, 291-312)

LOCATION:

Saint Matthew's Cathedral – 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
North Conference Room (entrance in the parking garage)

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Appointed by Cardinal Wuerl, **Dr. Susan Timoney** is the first woman to hold this position which oversees the office of pastoral planning, family life, youth and young adult ministry, ministry to persons with special needs and to the ethnic communities within the archdiocese. Susan earned her doctorate in theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. She also serves as an Assistant Adjunct Professor at The Catholic University of America. Dr. Timoney was part of the core planning team for the archdiocese for the visit of Pope Francis to the United States.

Sponsored by the Cathedral's Faith Formation Committee. All are invited to this event, free of charge.

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