

# Celebrate National Marriage Week February 7–14, 2018



Celebrate the beauty and sanctity of marriage with *Humanae Vitae* (1968–2018):

- Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who “is love” (no. 8).
- “Marriage . . . [is] ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents’ welfare” (no. 9; GS, no. 50).
- “The fundamental nature of the marriage act, . . . renders [husband and wife] capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman” (no. 12).



## Marriage Benefits Everyone . . .

- **Economically:** Married men and women have more wealth and financial stability.
- **Personally:** Men and women in a stable marriage live longer lives and have better health and greater personal happiness.
- **For Children:** Children who are raised by a married mother and father perform better in school and have less trouble with the law, teen pregnancy, and addiction.

For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit:  
[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)  
[www.portumatrimonio.org](http://www.portumatrimonio.org)

For videos, study guides and catechesis on why marriage is unique, visit: [www.marriageuniqueforareason.org](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org).

For national studies and statistics as well as resources for your marriage, visit: [www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org](http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org)



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