



Diocesan NFP Program Endorsement Renewal

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Please complete the following information.

(Arch)Diocese of _____

Diocesan Coordinator _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **FAX** _____

E-mail _____

Website _____

Supervisor _____

Each item in this form correlates to the same item in the Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry, Section I, "Standards for Diocesan NFP Programs." Please read carefully and respond accordingly.

A. Has your diocesan NFP program's statement of philosophy, goals and objectives been revised over the last five years? (*Check one*)

YES _____ NO _____

If "yes," please attach a copy of your revised program's statement of philosophy, goals and objectives.

B.1-12. Complete this statement:

The diocesan NFP program provides opportunities for education in basic concepts of Catholic teaching on human sexuality (including male and female complementarity), the virtue of chastity, the proper formation of conscience, the nature of marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, the value of children, and the importance of the family especially as the foundation of society and the domestic church as articulated in authoritative Church documents (see *Standards*, Appendix A) to teachers and couples/clients through (*Check all that apply and attach samples of promotional flyers, announcements, etc.*)

- _____ Periodic lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences.
- _____ Books, articles, newsletters, hard copy and digital resources.
- _____ Newsletter (*e-copy or hard-copy*).
- _____ Published articles in the diocesan newspaper.
- _____ Informational mailings (*e-mails or U.S. postal mailings*).
- _____ The diocesan website.
- _____ Social media.
- _____ Other (*please explain below*).

C. The Diocesan NFP standards are (*check one*)

- _____ The bishops' *Standards*.
- _____ Our own diocesan standards which meet/or exceed the bishops' *Standards*.
(*Attach a copy of the diocesan NFP standards*)

STOP: Complete D.1-4 if the diocesan NFP coordinator has changed over the last five years. Diocesan NFP coordinators who have not changed over the last five years should complete D.4 only if their duties and responsibilities have changed.

D.1-2 Submit a personal statement of philosophy from the diocesan NFP coordinator.

D. 3 Submit a statement of the diocesan NFP coordinator's knowledge of NFP methods (*e.g., client, teacher, promoter, etc.*).

D.4 Each statement below corresponds to an element of standard D.4 in Section I of the *Standards*. Check all the statements that best describe the current duties and responsibilities of the (arch)diocesan NFP coordinator. Where a statement is not checked, attach an explanation about how the element of the standard will be met.

The diocesan NFP coordinator

- a) Promotes the diocesan NFP program philosophy and implements its goals and objectives.
- b) Coordinates NFP services in the diocese.
- c) Provides a format for NFP education in marriage preparation programs. *(Attach either the diocesan marriage preparation program plan or a description of how NFP is integrated into marriage preparation.)*
- d) Oversees the implementation process of the *Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry*.
- e) Ensures quality NFP instruction and recruits and selects potential NFP teachers.
- f) Provides opportunities for diocesan NFP teacher training.
- g) Provides periodic assessment for diocesan NFP teachers.
- h) Provides an annual meeting for all diocesan NFP teachers.
- i) Fosters respect and promotes cooperation among NFP teachers and organizations.
- j) Providing continuing education, enrichment, and support for diocesan NFP teachers and couples/clients that may include information, resources (including social media and appropriate NFP support groups), and discussion of NFP science, methodology, and special topics (e.g., breastfeeding, infertility, etc.).
- k) Develops collaborative working relationships with appropriate diocesan and community groups.

E. Have any revisions been made to the NFP curriculum(a) in the past five years? *(Check one)*

Yes No

If “yes,” please complete Form B *(Couple/Client Education Assessment)* for each curriculum that has changed.

F. Has the diocesan NFP teacher’s job description changed over the last five years? *(Check one)*

Yes No

If “yes,” please submit a copy of the new job description for NFP diocesan teachers.

G. During the past five years, have there been changes with regard to client fees, teaching sites, and languages used to service new ethnic populations? (*Check one*)

Yes No

If “yes,” please explain in the space provided or attach a statement.

H. Have there been any changes in your teacher/client medical, psychological, moral, spiritual, educational resources over the last five years? (*Check one*)

YES _____ NO _____

If “yes,” please explain below or attach an explanation.

I. Do you keep records that include information to provide non-identifying statistical data to the local bishop and the national bishops’ NFP Program (e.g., annual Diocesan NFP Profile)?

YES _____ NO _____

If “No,” please explain below or attach an explanation.

J. Have there been any changes in your promotion of NFP, chastity, and fertility appreciation in your diocese over the last five years? (*Check one*)

YES _____ NO _____

If “yes,” please explain below or attach a statement.

K. Check the statement(s) that best describes how NFP education, information, and resources are provided for diocesan seminarians, religious, permanent deacons, and priests so that they may pastorally support NFP couples. (*Check all that apply and where appropriate, attach samples of promotional announcements, publications, etc.*)

_____ Lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences are periodically offered for clergy.

_____ A library of books and digital files are available.

_____ A newsletter (*e-copy or hard-copy*) is sent to all seminarians and clergy.

_____ Articles are published on the diocesan website along with other useful information.

_____ Informational e-mails are sent to all clergy.

_____ Social media (*e.g., Facebook, etc.*) provides current NFP and Church teaching-related information.

_____ Other (*please explain below*)

L. Has the on-going assessment of your diocesan NFP services changed over the last five years? (*Check one*)

YES _____ NO _____

If “yes,” please explain below or attach a statement.

We hereby request renewal of Endorsement for the Natural Family Planning program of the

(Arch)Diocese of _____
by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Natural Family Planning Program according
to the *Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry*.

We attest that all answers and attachments represents the policy and practice of the (Arch)Diocese.

Diocesan NFP Coordinator _____ Date _____
(Signature)

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