



Prayer for Marriage-Building 2011! and the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage

Let us Pray:

Oh God, you raised up Joan of Arc, *"to be valiant in the humble work of the house and the fields and generously faithful to all Your calls"* (Louis, Bishop of Saint Di ). We humbly ask that you send the Holy Spirit upon us, that we, with the audacity of St. Joan of Arc, serve you courageously in the cause of Marriage and Family, especially through the work of the NACFLM Conference and the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. Grant to us, by her intercession, the help we need.

Saint Joan of Arc, shepherdess and leader of armies, just as you led your troops to victory, we ask that you join with us in this battle for Marriages and for Family Life. You who were filled with the Holy Spirit and chosen by God, help us this day to go forward in virtue with the same courage, dedication and leadership that you had, and, like you, accomplish the Lord's Will, no matter how difficult it may appear. Grant us by your divine and powerful intercession, the courage and strength to be marriage-builders who seek to defend, promote, strengthen, heal, and reconcile marriages and families, that together we may fulfill God's mission in our lives. *"Excite in all souls, in every home of the world, the zeal to contribute to the salvation of the world and the return of peace, works which you crave, the rediscovery of a more Christian life, through holy thoughts and actions, forgiveness and persistent prayer, that as you yourself once said, 'God must be served first' (1939, Bishop of Orleans, France)."*

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