

REBUILDING MARRIAGE, EMBRACING THE DIVORCED: BEHIND POPE FRANCIS'S *AMORIS LAETITIA*



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Pope Francis's groundbreaking apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of Love' was released last year following a two-part bishops' synod in 2014 and 2015 that sought a new pastoral response to the collapse of lifelong marriage across the western world. The document is a bold attempt by Pope Francis to put the Church at the forefront of the renewal of marriage while reaching out to Catholics devastated by divorce.

Dr Ivereigh, who attended and commented on both synods, explains the background to the synods and their fruit in Amoris Laetitia. How does the new approach affect parishes preparing and supporting marriage? What does it mean for divorced and remarried Catholics barred from the sacraments? What's new and what isn't? And what will it mean for the next generation?