

Getting the Marriage Conversation Right

Selected Endorsements.

“There is a lot of food for thought packed into this little booklet, which is intended to be a practical guide to help the laity navigate the confusion about marriage in conversations with their family and friends. I believe you will find it to be a very valuable resource.”

—*Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone Archbishop of San Francisco Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage*

“*Getting the Marriage Conversation Right* by William B. May is a clear, concise and convincing presentation on the importance of marriage and its true meaning. This small book answers many of the pressing questions being presented today in the face of strong social pressures to redefine marriage and family. For the issues of today, William May’s *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right* has clear and compelling answers.

—*Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC*

“Few issues are more consequential and hotly debated today than the meaning of marriage. Yet many are at a loss to combat the sound bytes and rhetoric which have already negatively influenced so many. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to stand for the truth of marriage as between a man and a woman both articulately and charitably. Mr. May’s book is an excellent place to start.”

—*Most Rev. William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, Chairman, USCCB Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Religious Liberty*

“William May has analyzed the marriage crisis with the skill of a surgeon. For Catholics, he presents the theology of marriage, simplifying Pope John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*. For all others, he isolates the essence of the Catholic position in terms of the natural relationship of children to their biological parents. Any defender of traditional marriage needs both approaches.”

—*Most Rev. Gilbert I. Sheldon, Bishop Emeritus of Steubenville*

This little book gives helpful tips to avoiding common traps that hinder dialogue; offers tidy replies to frequently asked questions and provides quick clarifications to misconceptions regarding Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality. This book should be in the purses, pockets and backpacks of all Catholics as we seek to promote marriage for the common good.

—*Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh*

“William May has provided a wonderful guide for discussing marriage in the public forum, without having recourse to biblical or other theological points of reference. For that reason alone, it is a most valuable contribution to a conversation which is not going away any time soon.”

—*Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskis, Ph.D., S.T.D. Editor, The Catholic Response*

William B. May’s *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right: A Guide for Effective Dialogue* is not only an insightful survey of today’s landscape regarding the question of who may be married but also a helpful “how-to” in confronting the discussion about the essence of marriage. The volume’s repeated insistence that true marriage can only be seen in light of the rights of and the benefits

or harm accruing to children deserves greater consideration by those engaged in the ongoing attempts to redefine marriage.

—*Monsignor Charles L. Mangan, of the Marian Apostolate, Diocese of Sioux Falls*

“[William B. May] has integrated John Paul II’s thought (without invoking it by name) in presenting the reality that marriage is from the perspective and experience of a child, i.e. from an experience and perspective all of us have had—for without exception each one of us has been a child.”

—*William E. May, Michael J. McGivney Professor of Moral Theology emeritus at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family*

“This communication guide is an invaluable resource for answering questions and explaining what is at stake for the future of marriage and the rights of children if marriage is redefined. Every family should have one.”

—*Raymond L. Flynn, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston*

“Wow, wow, wow...I loved every page of *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right*. In the last two days I have already found myself using the language from the book in conversation.”

—*Rose Sweet, Catholic Author, Speaker, & Media Producer*

“Young adult Catholics, even those who have had the benefit of Catholic education, too often fail to fully understand or appreciate the Church’s teachings on marriage and family. Stand with Children’s William May, in collaboration with Catholics United for the Faith, has produced a handy guide to explaining marital issues that will prove quite valuable to teachers, professors, group leaders and parents.”

—*Patrick J. Reilly, President, Cardinal Newman Society*

“In this wonderful booklet we are reminded of the true nature of the sacrament of marriage and of the creative power of marriage as a holy gift from God.”

—*Robert Aguirre, President, Catholic Association of Latino Leaders*

“This 70–page book is a quick read, but it packs a powerful message.”

—*Stuart Dunn, Stuart’s Study, Catholic book review blog*

“If you are looking for an easy reference book on defending marriage, this book really is worth having and reading.”

—*Cheryl Dickow Catholicmom.com, and President, Association of Catholic Women Bloggers*

“Today’s national debate about the meaning of marriage is everywhere and is influencing our children, friends, and families. We must be part of it. CUF has long been at the forefront searching for clear ways to communicate with culture. That’s why I’m thrilled to publish this ‘how to’ guide that will facilitate reasonable conversations about the true meaning of marriage.”

—*Mike Sullivan, President of Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) and Publisher of Emmaus Road Publishing*