



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

# Diocese of Youngstown

January 12, 2023

Dear Reverend Monsignor/Father, Deacons and Parish Leaders,

In accord with the pastoral call of Pope Francis' *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* concerning the sanctity of marriage and Tribunal practice, please take the following steps in order to reach out to couples in unions not recognized by the Church:

- Place the bulletin notice (attached) in the parish bulletin for the appropriate timeframe in conjunction with World Marriage Day; and,
- Read or include my letter at all Masses on World Marriage Day, February 11/12.

I pray that this initiative will be a source of healing, spiritual growth, and evangelization.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
Bishop of Youngstown

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