

Families to write meditations for the Pope's Good Friday "Via Crucis"

Pope entrusts families linked to Catholic communities carrying out volunteer service with preparing the reflections for Good Friday Way of the Cross at the Colosseum



Pope Francis has entrusted the preparation for the meditations and prayers for this year's Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum on Good Friday to families linked to Catholic communities and associations carrying out volunteer service and assistance." According to the chosen themes, some families will always carry the cross between the stations", the director of the Vatican Press Office, Matteo Bruni said in a statement April 7, adding that this is in keeping with "the year dedicated to the family with which the Church celebrates the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*." The March 19, 2016 post-synodal apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis addresses the pastoral care of families that followed the Synod of Bishops' special assemblies on the Family in the Vatican in 2014 and 2015. Pope Francis launched the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year on March 19, 2021 and which will conclude this year on June 26, with the 10th Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father." I encourage you, dear married couples, to be active in the Church, especially in her pastoral care of families. "Shared responsibility for her mission demands that married couples and ordained ministers, especially bishops, cooperate in a fruitful manner in the care and custody of the domestic Churches," Pope Francis said in his letter marking this special year of the family. On Good Friday evening, Pope Francis will preside over the liturgy of the Lord's Passion in St. Peter's Basilica. Later, he will lead the Way of the Cross at the Colosseum.

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