



# *The Joy of Love*

## Study Guide

### Chapter Six - “Some Pastoral Perspectives”

1. **“Proclaiming The Gospel of the Family”** What is the Gospel of the family? How is the missionary conversion of everyone in the Church important for families?
2. **“Preparing Engaged Couples for Marriage”** How does the Christian community benefit by supporting engaged couples? How does the sacrament continue on after the wedding celebration?
3. **“Accompanying the First Years of Married Life”** List some of the struggles faced by couples in the first years of marriage. If you are married, which of these did you struggle with during your first years of marriage?
4. **“The Challenge of Crisis”** What are some of the crises that married couples face? What are some of the crises you have faced?
5. **“Accompaniment After Breakdown and Divorce”** and **“Certain Complex Situations”** What recommendations does Pope Francis give in situations regarding divorce? What types of complex situations does the Pope reference? How do you see these situations handled in your church community?
6. **“When Death Makes Us Feel its Sting”** This week take time to pray for all those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring peace to those who feel the sting of death.