

Department of Marriage & Parish Family Ministries

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Greetings Your Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy & Wives, Board of Trustees and Fellow Laborers in Christ's Vineyard

Christ is in our Midst!

The Department of Marriage & Parish Family Ministries provides short-term marriage, family, and parenting counseling, premarital preparation, and skill building seminars for clergy and parishes. Local counseling referrals are also provided.

Many inquiries are received in this Department for Marriage/Divorce and Baptismal records. These are *only* provided through our Archdiocese Headquarters as this department has no access or storage of these documents. Please contact our staff there for these records.

The expansion of counseling services has been greatly enhanced with technology platforms such as Zoom and Skype to reach across the Archdiocese. These have been tremendously helpful during and following the pandemic by allowing many in need to stay connected. This has kept me very busy with managing a clinical practice also.

In the past two years since our last Archdiocese Convention, there have been many hours devoted to developing more accessible counseling resources for our clergy and laity. We hope to announce the results of these efforts soon. They promise to reach the largest number of participants in these new programs as possible throughout the Archdiocese.

I would like to express my appreciation for the individuals and ministries who have supported this department in the past 20 years of its service to our Archdiocese: Metropolitans PHILIP, JOSEPH and all hierarchs, clergy, the Board of Trustees, the Order of St. Ignatius, and our parishes.

Respectfully submitted,

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