



2019 NACFLM AWARD

Dr. Jim Healy, Director of the Office of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, had nominated the Interparish Marriage Enrichment Team, or IMET, for an award from the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM). NACFLM is a Catholic organization that strives to implement a vision of family ministry encompassing the entire life cycle. Its vision is to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

In his nomination Dr. Healy says: *“IMET was formed 11 years ago, after much planning because of the vision of couples from several adjoining parishes to join together to offer high quality marriage enrichment experiences. After negotiating unprecedented commitment from their parishes, IMET each year brings in national speakers. They promote the programs with flair and offer them with great hospitality to all couples who wish to attend. Because of the example of IMET, other clusters of parishes in the Joliet Diocese have been emboldened to start similar organizations.”*

IMET was presented the 2019 award from Region 7 of the National Association of Catholic Family Ministers. The award is for excellence and innovation over time in Family Ministry. Region 7 consists of Family Life offices in the diocese of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana as well as individual member parishes and organizations.



Congratulations to all of the team members of IMET, past and present, who have worked hard to bring enrichments to thousands of couples. Thank you to each of our sponsored parishes for their funding and support. We would like to thank Dr. Jim Healy and the Office of Family Ministry in the Joliet Diocese for their continuous support of IMET. We also thank the NACFLM for this very special recognition. And a very special thank you to all those who have attended our IMET events.

We would like to invite others who are interested in this critical ministry to consider becoming involved in your parish's marriage enrichment program or in this Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team.

About IMET

The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET) started in 2007 with the belief that marriage enrichment, along with the liturgical life and religious education programs, are the most important work of our parishes. With the support of our nine sponsor parishes, IMET has thrived to host an annual marriage enrichment event that is practical, helpful, exciting and supports each parish's existing marriage enrichment programs. Over the past 11 years, over 2,000 people have attended IMET events sponsored by the IMET parishes.

For more information about IMET, please contact one of the representatives from our sponsored parishes or see our website at www.imetevents.org