

The Importance of a *Marriage Catechumenate* for Ministry **WITH Families**

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A Journey of Accompaniment, Evangelization, and Formation

- **A new vision**
 - Flourishing families
- **A catechumenal journey**
 - Inspired by Christian Initiation CPML 16-17
- **A paradigm shift**
 - From a checklist to a journey
 - From transactional to relational
 - From one-time moments to ongoing
 - From siloed ministry to integrated ministry



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➤ Why

- Family is at the center of Pastoral Care DC 30
- Faith & Sacrament (Reciprocity 1.2)

➤ Who

- All the baptized faithful
- Lay and ordained
- Staff (paid & volunteers)
- Various ministries
- The entire congregation

➤ When

- Across the stages of Marriage

➤ How

- Prayer, Vision, Action, Evaluate



Phase I – Pre-Catechumenate Phase –(Remote)

- **Target**
- **Purpose**
- **Main Concerns**
- **Pastoral Actions**
- **Agents**



Phase II –Intermediate Phase–

- **Target**
- **Purpose**
- **Main Concerns**
- **Pastoral Actions**
- **Agents**



Phase III – Catechumenal Phase–

- **Target**
- **Purpose**
- **Main Concerns**
- **Pastoral Actions**
- **Agents**



Phases & Stages of the Marriage Catechumenate

- 1st Stage

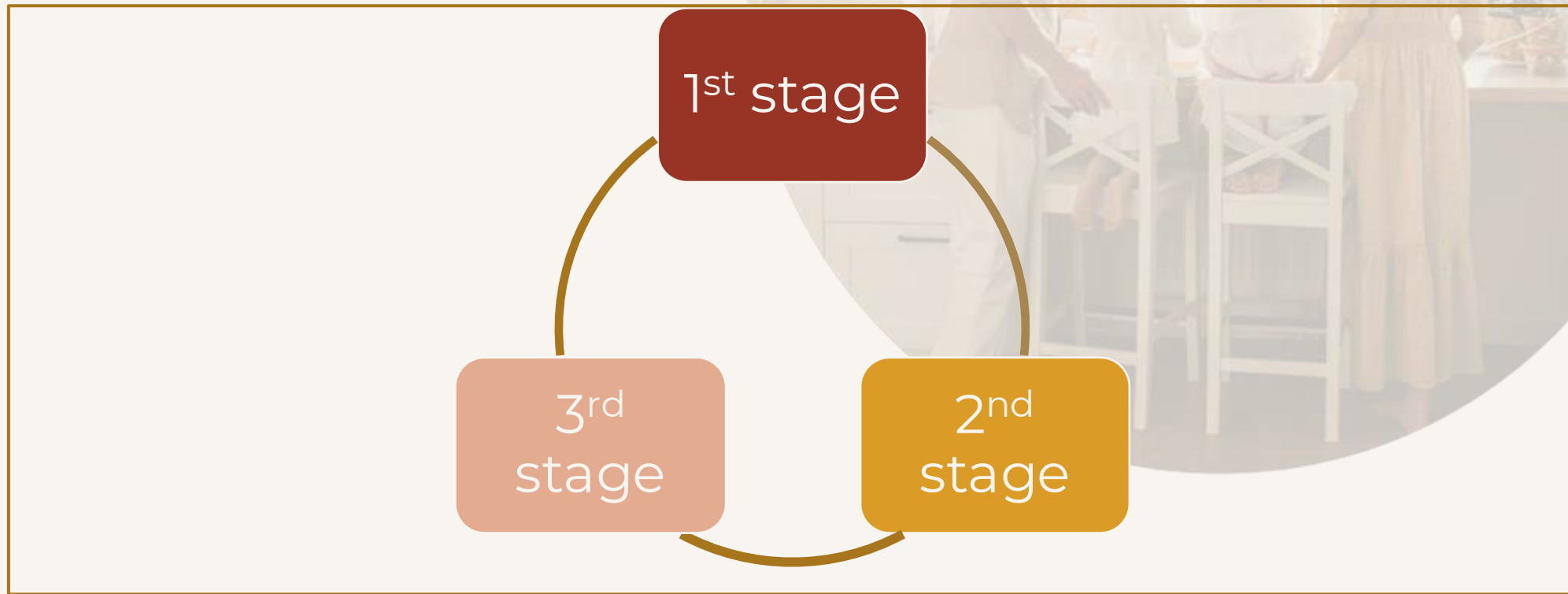
Proximate
Preparation

- 2nd Stage

Immediate
Preparation

- 3rd Stage

Final Preparation
Mystagogy



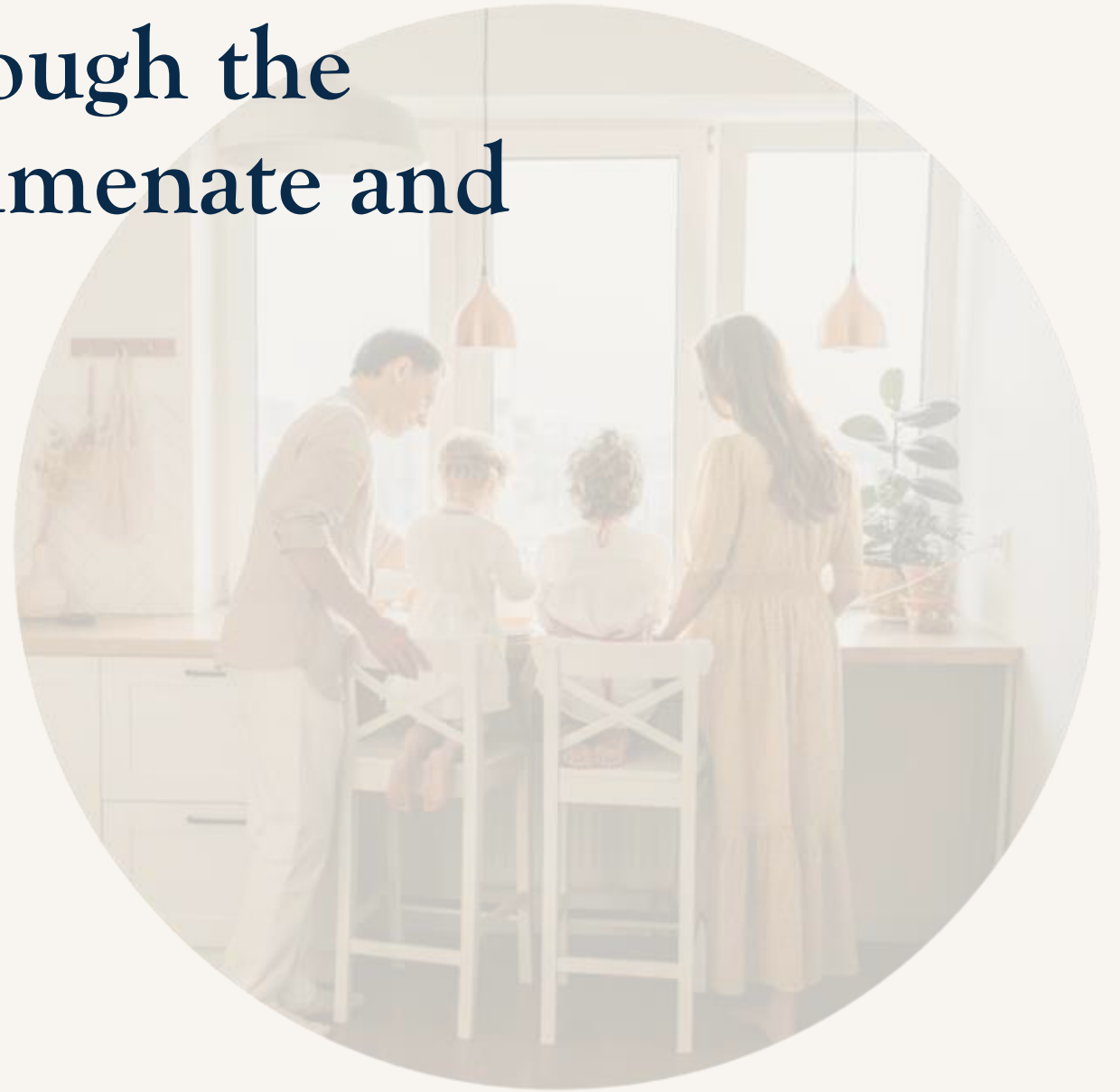
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- *Early Years*
- *Middle Years*
- *Late Years*



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 - Pastoral Actions
 - Agents
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- **Late Years**
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A continuum of Pastoral Accompaniment

- Mutual Interaction
- Individual changes
- Structural changes

