



START A

Fiat Couples Group

IN YOUR PARISH

- ✓ Parish-based
- ✓ Small group community for married couples
- ✓ **Simple** to start and maintain!
- ✓ 4-8 married couples; open invitation to parish priests
- ✓ Rotate homes
- ✓ Spanish and English



¡Disponible en español!

PRAYER & DINNER!
FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

7 STEPS

TO START A *Fiat Couples Group* IN YOUR PARISH

1. Meet with your pastor to obtain approval.

Even though this group meets in homes, it is a parish-based ministry. It should operate with the knowledge, approval and support of your pastor. The pastor (and any other parish priests) should be made aware of the schedule and should receive a standing invitation to attend whenever possible.

2. Personally invite four to eight married couples to join your group.

You can share the website: www.AnnunciationMinistries.com with those you invite so that they have a sense of what the group does. Notify couples of the date of your first gathering and invite couples to bring something for the first potluck meal.

3. Gather supplies.

- Fiat Couples Group Prayer Guide.*** Purchase enough for one per couple. You can either purchase one set of prayer guides and pass them between homes or you can purchase enough that each couple has a full set at their home. To purchase Guides: www.AnnunciationMinistries.com.
- Bible (with Sunday Gospel bookmarked).
- Candle and a lighter or matches.
- Object for passing during the prayer (crucifix, *Marriage Missionary sculpture* or other religious object).

4. Hold your first gathering.

These are recommended times. You can adjust to meet your group's specific needs.

- 7:00pm Arrival and appetizers
- 7:30pm Prayer time (follow the *Fiat Couples Group Prayer Guide*)
- 8:30pm Dinner and fellowship

5. Schedule your next gatherings.

Set dates for at least the next six to twelve months. We recommend Saturday nights (though a group can pick a different evening). We also recommend picking a set week in the month, such as the first Saturday of every month. This helps people build other commitments around their commitment to this group.

Sample Calendar and Chart

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Couple 1	Hosting Main Course	Dessert	Side Dish	Side Dish	Appetizer	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine
Couple 2	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Dessert	Side Dish	Salad	Salad	Appetizer	Appetizer
Couple 3	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Dessert	Side Dish	Side Dish	Salad	Appetizer
Couple 4	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Side Dish	Side Dish	Side Dish	Salad
Couple 5	Salad	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Dessert	Side Dish	Side Dish
Couple 6	Side Dish	Salad	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Dessert	Side Dish
Couple 7	Side Dish	Side Dish	Salad	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course	Dessert
Couple 8	Dessert	Side Dish	Side Dish	Salad	Appetizer	Appetizer	Bread & Wine	Hosting Main Course

6. Create your calendar and potluck chart.

After your first meeting, create a chart indicating dates, who is hosting, and who is bringing the various accompanying dishes. The free downloadable template pictured can be modified for your group. It is available at www.AnnunciationMinistries.com.

7. Register your group at www.AnnunciationMinistries.com.

Registration is not required, but is recommended. It's a way for all groups to be connected through a network and support structure to share stories and effective practices. We are praying for you and hope this ministry is a source of grace in your life!