



Extracts from
AMORIS LÆTITIA
by Pope Francis

*To catch a thought,
To see an image,
To begin a response*

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*Jesus himself is the shepherd of the hundred,
not just of the ninety-nine.*
[Amoris Laetitia, 309](#)

*Jesus knocks on the door of families, to share
with them the Eucharistic supper (cf. Rev 3:20).*
[AL, 318](#)

*God, who has sown so much good in others in
the hope that we will help make it grow.*
[AL, 322](#)

The tenderness of an embrace.
[AL, 27](#)

*[Jesus] 'looked upon the women and men
whom he met with love and tenderness,
accompanying their steps in truth, patience and
mercy as he proclaimed the demands of the
Kingdom of God'.*
[AL, 60](#)

*The family is the image of God, who is a
communion of persons.*
[AL, 71](#)

*The sacrament [of matrimony] is not a 'thing'
or a 'power', for in it Christ himself 'now
encounters Christian spouses ... He dwells with
them, gives them the strength to take up their
crosses and so follow him, to rise again after
they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear
one another's burdens'.*
[AL, 73](#)

*To be open to a genuine encounter with others,
'a kind look' is essential.*
[AL, 100](#)

*'Joy' refers to an expansion of the heart. Saint
Thomas Aquinas*
[AL, 126](#)

*'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry'. Three essential
words!'*
[AL, 133](#)

*We have to put ourselves in their shoes and
try to peer into their hearts, to perceive their
deepest concerns and to take them as a point
of departure for further dialogue.*
[AL, 138](#)

*By their witness as well as their words, families
speak to others of Jesus.*
[AL, 184](#)

[A] new embrace between young and old!
[AL, 191](#)

*The elderly help us to appreciate 'the continuity
of the generations', by their 'charism of
bridging the gap'. Their words [grandparents],
their affection or simply their presence help
children to realise that history did not begin
with them, that they are now part of an age-old
pilgrimage and that they need to respect all
that came before them.*
[AL, 192](#)

*'Fraternity in families is especially radiant when
we see the care, the patience, the affection that
surround the little brother or sister who is frail,
sick or disabled'. It must be acknowledged that
'having a brother or a sister who loves you is
a profound, precious and unique experience'.
Children do need to be patiently taught to*

*treat one another as brothers and sisters. This
training, at times quite demanding, is a true
school of socialization.*
[AL, 195](#)

*I think of Saint Valentine's Day; in some
countries, commercial interests are quicker to
see the potential of this celebration than are we
in the Church.*
[AL, 208](#)

*In the life of married couples, even at difficult
moments, one person can always surprise
the other, and new doors can open for their
relationship, as if they were meeting for the first
time.*
[AL, 221](#)

*Young married couples ... a morning kiss,
an evening blessing, waiting at the door
to welcome each other home, taking trips
together and sharing household chores.*
[AL, 226](#)

*The word of God is the source of life and
spirituality for the family.*
[AL, 227](#)

*And how can we even begin to understand
the grief of parents who have lost a child? ...
Indeed, 'our loved ones are not lost in the
shades of nothingness; hope assures us that
they are in the good strong hands of God'.
[AL, 254, 256](#)*