

New Life Biography



Chris and Liz Miller

Liz:

Hi I'm Liz. My husband and I are currently the lead couple for New Life. I was married for 6 years. There were no children from that marriage I received a divorce and an annulment.

Chris is a family friend. We have been married for 17 years and have a son named Jacob.

We found out about New Life from our Deacon when we were preparing for our marriage. I remember thinking, "oh wow! How great the Catholic church offers this". We attended the program and at the end I said "sign me up" and have been a part of New Life shortly after we were married. We are currently the lead couple and are honored to work with our group to offer you this remarriage retreat.

As you attend the retreat as participants or as a facilitator couple, give this time to your partner, the tools and resources will be of most benefit to you. We are praying for you and please know we support your remarriage.

Chris:

I was never married and at first did not know why I needed to attend New Life. Nevertheless, we went and it really opened my eyes to understand what my betrothed was going through. We joined New Life to support you the participants; to support the other facilitator couples who are our friends but also to support/enrich our own marriage.



Ken and Mendy Witzenman

Mendy:

I was married for 8 years before my divorce. We were together for a total of 15 years. There were two children from this marriage. I received an annulment after the divorce was finalized.

Ken:

I was married for 20 years before my divorce. There were 4 children from this marriage. We were never married in the Catholic Church so there was no need for an annulment.

We met on Catholic Match. We both wanted to be remarried in the church and make sure God was central in our relationship since our previous marriages were missing this element. We met with the priest at our parish and he strongly encouraged us to attend New Life as part of our marriage preparation. We were interested because we were blending a family and knew this process would be very difficult. After attending the retreat, we were hooked and wanted to be part of the team in order to help others work through the remarriage process. We use New Life as a way to help others and work on our marriage at the same time.



Dave and Charlene Jones

Dave:

My name is Dave and I was married for 7 years, separated 3 years, and divorced. I was a single parent for my daughter for 10 years before I married my wife, Charlene. My daughter now lives in Denver. There are many reasons why I come to New Life. The first is because we have been doing New Life for 30 years and I enjoy being a part of something that is so very important. Another reason why I am a part of New Life is so that I can be with my wife for a whole day!

Charlene:

My name is Charlene and I was married 17 years and divorced for 6 years before Dave and I married. I have three children, who, at that time, were 5, 11, and 13. So, when we married, we have 4 children in our blended family. They are now all grown and on their own. We have been blessed with 5 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren, again, always blending. This is a part of being remarried as the dynamics of being a remarried couple is different. It is not like being married a first time. This is why I am a part of New Life.



Don

I have been married to Barbara for over 25 years following my previously 13-year marriage that ended in divorce and annulment. When Barbara and I married, I brought two young children with me into our new family. It was shortly after our marriage when we first attended New Life. Little did I know that remarriage is so much more complicated than a first marriage. The New Life program helped me to examine my actions, thoughts and feelings and how those either built or damaged my relationship with Barbara. Getting married is easy but being married takes work, work that is so important, valuable and rewarding. I look forward to sharing the struggles and the joys of remarried life with you.

Barbara:

I was married for 13 years before divorce and annulment. I had 3 children from that marriage. When Don and I married, two of my children were young adults with kids of their own while the youngest was a teenager. Don became an instant grandpa. We knew God had a sense of humor when Don and I became parents again, so we are a Yours, Mine and Ours family. Marriage is hard and remarriage can be harder. New Life gave Don and me the tools we needed to navigate the roiling seas. I look forward to working with you on your own journey.



Tim and Jen Alexander

Tim

- My name is Tim. We joined the New Life Team in June of 2017. My first marriage only lasted one short year before ending in a divorce in 2008. I met Jen on Catholic Match in 2012. Due to the timing of our annulment to be approved we chose to be married by the Justice of the Peace several short months later. We did get our marriage blessed in the church but first attended New Life as part of our requirements. With our busy schedule we were not happy about taking a whole Saturday away from our now two children. Looking back now, we are sure happy we took that time for our relationship and we joined the New Life team.

Jen

I'm Jen. My first marriage ended in divorce after 5 years and one small child in 2009. We met on Catholic Match in early 2012 and knew we were each other's Happy Ever After. In 2016 both of our annulments were approved, and we were very excited to be able to get our marriage blessed in the church and started on our path of Convalidation of Marriage. Part of that was attending a New Life retreat. It was the best thing for our relationship. We joined the New Life team not only to help others but allows us to do a "Couples Check" for our relationship.



Frank and Sandy Bianco

Frank

I was married for 31 years, and had 4 grown children. After my divorce, I attended several Catholic self help programs including RSVP, and Journey. Sandy and I have now been married for 26 years and have been part of New Life team since then. Over these many years we have learned so much about remarriage and feel this group continues to help us maintain a wonderful marriage.

Sandy

I was married for 13 years to my high school sweetheart. I was single for 13 years after my divorce and had no intention of remarrying. I was enjoying a great career with the airlines. Then, along came Frank. After several years of dating, I finally “let go and let GOD”, and what a wonderful decision that was. I never had children, and now I have a wonderful extended family of 4 children and 12 grandchildren with our 1st great grand child due soon. The tool box from New Life has allowed us to maintain our positive and loving relationship for 26 years. Life is good.