

Re-Marriage Programs

*** Best Suited For Couples Where One Or Both Have Been Previously Married**

BEFORE YOU SAY, "I DO" II

Two 2.5 hour sessions addressing issues unique to second marriages. Program is by appointment.

Contact Info: Tom Donahoo (248) 522-3748 or email tadonaho@oaklandcc.edu

Cost: Contact for cost information.

ENCORE

A two part family enrichment program specially designed for remarriage. All couples need to attend Part I, only couples with children need Part II. Each part is a six hour workshop on Saturdays.

(Class size is limited so pre-registration is required.)

Location: Royal Oak Office of Catholic Social Services, Royal Oak.

Day/Time: Saturdays

Part I— 1/10, 2/7, 4/4, 5/9, 7/11, 8/8, 10/10, 11/7.

Part II— 3/7, 6/6, 9/19, 12/12

Contact Info: Wendi (248) 548-4044 ext. 3109

Cost: \$100.00 per couple per workshop. Payment of the non-refundable class fee is required in advance of the workshop.

The Office for Family Ministry, Archdiocese of Detroit has compiled this listing as a resource for parishes. It is not a comprehensive list nor does it represent an endorsement.

Seminar Style Marriage Preparation Programs

2009

...out of deep concern for the happiness and fulfillment of couples, as well as the important role of marriage within the life of the church...marriage preparation guidelines are intended to help couples better prepare the foundations for a lasting marriage...

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Marriage Preparation

Overall marriage preparation takes place within the community of the local parish over a period of six months. One component of the process provides a setting for couples to openly look at and discuss various issues which research indicates are important for healthy marriages. The Bishops of Michigan have suggested the following topics be included:

- Marriage as Sacrament
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Children
- Careers
- Commitment and Church
- Family of Origin
- Intimacy, sex, procreation
- Catholic understanding of sexuality and marriage
- Natural Family Planning

Marriage Prep Programs

Before You Say, "I Do"

Two consecutive sessions engaging couples to reflect and discuss their personal and mutual expectations about marriage.

Location: Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills

Day/Time: Tuesday, 1st & 3rd of each month; Thursday, 1st & 2nd of each month, 7:00-9:30pm (2 consecutive sessions)

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Cost: \$100.00

Beyond "Honey I'm Home..."

Open to engaged and married couples. Sessions are designed to improve the intimacy and love in couples' relationship through effective listening & communication. Two topics are covered at each session. Attendance may begin with any session.

Location: St. Anastasia Parish, Troy

Day/Time: Sunday, 2:00 –5:00 pm— Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Sep 13, Oct 4, Nov 1
(No July/August/December sessions) (3 sessions complete all 6 topics)

Contact Info: Loretta Wilbur (248) 689-0732 or Fred Cavaini (248) 362-3340

Cost: \$30 per session

Bright Beginnings

Six-hour retreat program reflecting on love, decision, and your future.

Location: St. Edmund Parish, Warren

Day/Time: Sunday 1:45 —7:00 pm Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 22, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 2, Oct 4, Nov 22

Contact Info: [Fritzi Bohlman \(313\) 882-8344](mailto:Fritzi.Bohlman@313.882.8344) or [John Findlater \(313\) 567-9412](mailto:John.Findlater@313.567.9412) Email: fibrn@comcast.net

Cost: \$80.00

Covenant Love

A two day overnight program designed to help couples be better prepared and better equipped for living a lifelong holy and successful marriage.

Location: The Retreat Center at St. John's

Day/Time: Sat—Sun Feb 21- 22; May 2-3; Aug 1-2; Nov 21-22

Contact Info: The Retreat Center at St. John's (734) 414-1104

Cost: \$225.00

God's Joy-Filled Catholic Marriage Preparation

Program participants must attend all five sessions.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland

Day/Time: Jan 10, 16, 23, 30 31 and Feb 6

Participants must attend all classes.

Contact Info: Kathy Thomas (248) 889-0634

Cost: \$65.00.

Engaged Encounter

Hosted by a team of married couples. Time for personal reflection and private couple communication are the main concepts of the weekend. (The Detroit Chapter is in transition. Please visit the website listed below for the location nearest you.) www.engagedencounter.org

Cost: \$140.00

Evenings For The Engaged

Two married couples share their marriages with five or six engaged couples.

Location: St. Martin De Porres Parish, Warren
Once a week for 5 consecutive weeks Sep—Jun

Contact Info: Pete or Mary Howard (586) 731-6534
Registration required at least 4-6 months prior to wedding

Cost: \$70.00

Marriage Preparation Programs (continued)

Perspective In Marriage

Held over the course of two Saturdays. This program assists couples in developing skills for a healthy marriage.

Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury, Westland

Day/Time: Consecutive Saturdays (Must attend both Saturdays) 9:00am—3:00pm— Jan 17 & 22; May 9 & 16

Contact Info: Theresa Lisiecki (734) 425-7310 or Lisieckithereas@aol.com **Cost:** \$100.00

The Pre-Marriage Seminar

Strengthen your bond and get ready for marriage! Fast-paced, engaging, multi-media seminar focusing on marriage as a mission, vocation and sacrament. Practical, spiritual and creative activities. Professionally designed, and delivered to over 15,000 participants since 1994.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth

Day/Time: Saturday, 9:00 am—4:30 pm— Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 28; (check website for April dates) May 23, June 20 (check website for July—Nov dates)

Contact Info: Lori & Mike Ebaugh (248) 685-2868 or www.premarriageseminar.com

Cost: \$75.00

Three To Get Married

A course designed to impart couples with the knowledge necessary for living a successful Catholic marriage.

Location: Oxford Center for Family Development, Oxford

Day/Time: Friday 7:00—9:30 pm, Sat. 9:00 am—4:00 pm and Sun 9:00 am—12:00 pm, Apr 24-26 and Sep 18-20

Contact Info: Chuck Griffith (248) 425-8820 or visit our website at: www.threetogetmarried.com

Cost: \$125.00 (Financial assistance available)

Today and All The Days of Your Life

Location: St. Cecilia, Detroit Call for program information

Day/Time: Sessions held every Wednesday from 3:00—5:00 pm and 6:00 —8:00 pm (Couples must attend both sessions)

Contact Info: Fr. Theodore Parker (313) 933-6788

Cost: Contact for cost information.

El Taller Prematrimonial

Ayudar a los novios o parejas a profundizar y tomar conciencia de la realidad en la que viven como paraja para que la iluminen con la luz de la fe y la experiencia de la iglesia. A través del sacerdote y matrimonios orientadores.

Temas A Tratar: Sensibilizacion, sacramento del Matrimonio, Amor conyugal, Espiritualidad, Dialogo y comunicasion, Conocerse mas para amarse mejor, Mision personal, Sexualidad y paternidad responsable, respeto a la vida y Método Billings, Armonia en el hogar, economia en el hogar.

Fechas: 5, 6 y 7 de Diciembre 2009

3, 4 y 5 de Abril 2009

Horarios Del Taller: Viernes de 6:00pm a 9:30 pm; Sabado de 4:00 pm a 9:30 pm; Domingo de 9:00 pm a 3:00 pm

Para Mayor Informes: Eugenio y Leticia Flores al tel. (313) 382-7323 de 7:00 pm a 11:00 pm

El Costo es de \$60.00 (Se pagara al llegar al taller)

Conjugal Love & Natural Family Planning

A two hour presentation about the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage, intimacy and family planning. To learn details about natural family planning method register for a four class series.

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