

Registration Form

Bride's Information:

Name: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail: _____

Religious Denomination: _____

Education Level: _____ Occupation: _____

Groom's Information:

Name: _____

Name for Badge: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail: _____

Religious Denomination: _____

Education Level: _____ Occupation: _____

Parish where you are receiving Marriage Prep: _____

Date & Church of Wedding: _____

Married Before? (Y/N) Bride _____ Groom _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

God's Plan preference:

Date/Location of 1st Choice: _____

Date/Location of 2nd Choice: _____

NORMS FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage preparation in the Diocese of Harrisburg shall take place over a minimum of nine months and consist of the following components:

1. Canonical Process - Initial interview with the priest or deacon where the required canonical forms are completed.

2. Pre-marital Inventory (e.g. FOCCUS, PREPARE, etc.).

3. Formation - Meet at least four (4) times with a mentor couple, a priest or deacon, or another parish-appointed leader for marriage preparation. At least one of these meetings must be with a priest or deacon for an instructional session on the nature of Catholic marriage.

4. Conference – Attend a diocesan marriage preparation conference, per the preparing clergy's instructions. Note that these conferences fulfill the diocesan requirement to attend a short introductory talk on Natural Family Planning as well as a talk on the sacramentality of marriage.

5. Concluding Assessment – Meet with the priest or deacon for a final assessment before marriage (done as needed).

6. Liturgical Planning – Meet with the priest or deacon (and any other liturgical ministers) to plan a prayerful and reverent ceremony.



2021 Marriage Preparation Brochure

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God's Plan for Love is, first and foremost, a catechesis in the Catholic vision of marriage, the human person, and the sacramental understanding of conjugal love. Employing the rich, affirming language of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, God's Plan for Love introduces engaged couples to a glorious vision of the sacrament of matrimony.

The sessions help couples understand what they are saying, "I do," to. In the first three sessions, we unpack the biblical and historic Catholic vision of the sacrament of matrimony and what a couple is committing to at the altar. In the last three sessions, we catechize couples on the truth and meaning of human sexuality.

God's Plan offers a refreshing, liberating vision of marriage and sexuality rather than a list of "prohibitions."

Program cost: \$125 per couple.

The Six Sessions

God's Plan for Marriage "in the Beginning"

Couples are introduced to the idea that God had a plan for married love all along and that the vocation of marriage is of great significance.

Christ Restores God's Plan for Marriage

Love is hard to live perfectly, but God provides the grace and virtues to overcome our weaknesses.

To What Are You Saying, "I Do"?

Couples learn in detail how the Catholic Church defines marriage and what is required for a marriage to be valid.

Where the Words of Your Vows Become Flesh

The complementarity of man and woman is a sign of God's love that must be reflected honestly within the marital embrace.

The Beauty of Openness to Life

An OB/GYN physician describes a better way to understand reproductive health, and a young married couple share their experience with Natural Family Planning.

Living God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

A couple married more than sixty years shares the wisdom, fun, and sense of joy that marriage has brought them, and Christopher West offers practical advice on how to keep God as the foundation of your marriage.

Program Dates for 2021

God's Plan for Love Saturdays from 8:45 am - 3:30 pm

All 2021 God's Plan for Love seminars are being held as scheduled according to listed dates and locations below.

Please keep in mind that due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, a seminar may need to be delivered in a live webinar format.

Live Webinar Format
1/9, 1/16

Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Fairfield
2/20, 10/16

Saint Joseph Parish, Danville
2/6, 5/1, 9/25

Diocesan Conference Center, Harrisburg
3/13

*additional dates will be added

Saint Leo the Great Parish, Lancaster
3/20, 9/11

*****Registration Deadline: 2 weeks before seminar/weekend, but may fill earlier.**

Please make checks payable to
Diocese of Harrisburg and send to:

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