



**Saturdays from 8:45 am - 3:30 pm**

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.

For a listing of 2022 seminar dates and to register visit:  
[www.hbgdiocese.org/gp](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/gp)

## 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 one of the diocesan conferences, 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:
  - 1.) *God's Plan for Love* – a single day conference focusing on the sacramentality of marriage and marital sexuality.
  - 2.) *Engaged Encounter* – a weekend retreat covering both life skills as well as the sacramentality of marriage and marital sexuality.
- 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.



## 2022 Marriage Preparation

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*Engaged Encounter* gives couples who are planning to marry the opportunity to communicate with each other—individually, honestly, and intensively—about their prospective lives together: their strengths and weaknesses; desires, ambitions, and goals; their attitudes about money, sex, children, and family; and their roles in the Church and in society.

The weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. A trained team of married couples present talks to the group on important aspects of married life. After each presentation, the engaged couples are given the time to write about their thoughts and feelings, and then discuss them privately with their partner. This is an intense but highly worthwhile weekend that allows the couple to concentrate on building their relationship with each other and with God. Although there are other people on the weekend, *Engaged Encounter* is meant to be a couple's experience.

The weekend cost: \$400 per couple (\$200 due at the time of registration). The fee includes overnight lodging, meals, and materials.

### 2022 Weekends

February 26-27

March 12-13

April 2-3

October 29-30

To register online visit:  
[www.hbgdiocese.org/cee](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/cee)

### Terms and Agreement:

We understand that the following rules apply while registering for and attending the *Engaged Encounter* weekend:

1. The weekend is open to any man and woman who are engaged, or considering engagement, and who want to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in marriage. You must be at least 18 years old to attend *Engaged Encounter*.
2. Participants must be present for all weekend sessions, and should not leave the conference before it is completed. Check-in is Saturday morning and concludes Sunday afternoon. If an emergency arises and you need to leave the conference at any point, please notify one of the presenters.
3. All sleeping rooms are pre-assigned by the Family Ministries staff—one person in each room. Engaged couples do not stay together.
4. Participants will refrain from the use of alcohol and drugs during the weekend.
5. All cancellations and transfers must be done by 12:00 pm on the Thursday two weeks prior to the start of the weekend. If you cancel or transfer after 12:00 pm on the Thursday two weeks prior to the start of the weekend, no refund will be given for your registration fee (owing to the contractual obligations *Engaged Encounter* and the Diocese of Harrisburg have with the hotel and other vendors).
6. We agree that by registering and submitting payment that we release *Engaged Encounter* of Harrisburg, the Diocese of Harrisburg, and all of their agents, associates, volunteers and employees, from any and all liability associated in any way with our attendance at the weekend program.

We accept the above Terms and Agreement for *Engaged Encounter*.

(please initial)

 

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Engaged Encounter Preference:

Date/ Location of 1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/ Location of 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_