

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 Preparation: _____

Date & Church of Wedding: _____

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

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Desired Program: Engaged Encounter or God's Plan for Love

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 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.



2019 Marriage Preparation

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Family & Respect Life Ministries
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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.

Program Dates for 2019

Engaged Encounter

September 20-22

October 18-20

November 15-17

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

Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Fairfield
10/19

Saint Patrick Parish, Marsh Drive, Carlisle
8/17, 11/9

Saint Joseph Parish, Danville
9/21

Diocesan Conference Center, Harrisburg
7/13, 8/3, 10/5

Saint Leo the Great Parish, Lancaster
9/7

Two-Evenings from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Diocesan Conference Center, Harrisburg
9/10 & 9/17 (Tuesdays)

*****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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Prefer to register online or use a credit card?
Go to www.hbgdiocese.org/mppr



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 Friday evening 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.