

2017-2018 REGISTRATION Marriage Preparation

Have you contacted or met with your marrying clergy? Yes No

Wedding Date _____

Marrying Clergy _____

Clergy's Phone _____

Place of Wedding _____

Desired Marriage Preparation Date and Location (cost: \$125)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Bride's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Religious Affiliation _____

Birth Year _____

Groom's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Religious Affiliation _____

Birth Year _____

Your registration includes a boxed lunch. Please select your choice.

Turkey Bride Groom

Roast Beef Bride Groom

Veggie Wrap Bride Groom

Allergy _____ Bride Groom

Detach completed registration form and mail
with check in the amount of \$125 to:

DIocese of WILMINGTON MARRIAGE PREPARATION

1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

Make check payable to: Diocese of Wilmington.

Registration due two weeks prior to class date.

2017-2018 SCHEDULE

Sessions for the engaged are being offered at the following locations in the Diocese of Wilmington:

SATURDAY SESSIONS – 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 7, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Holy Cross Church
631 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901

DECEMBER 9, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Holy Cross Church
631 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901

MARCH 17, 2018

Holy Cross Church
631 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901

APRIL 28, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

JUNE 9, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

JULY 21, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

OCTOBER 27, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

DECEMBER 8, 2018

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

In case of inclement weather, contact the
Office for Marriage and Family Life at (302) 295-0657
to check if the event has been rescheduled.



2017-2018 MARRIAGE PREPARATION SCHEDULE

6 Steps

to a rewarding
Marriage
Preparation
Experience

To register or to find out more information,
contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life:

Linda Jackson

ljackson@cdow.org

(302) 295-0657

Coordinated by Ascension Press in cooperation with:



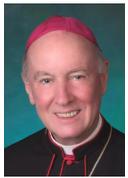
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON



MARRIAGE PREPARATION IN THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

A Message from
Bishop W. Francis Malooly



Congratulations on your engagement! The Church rejoices with you as you approach the Sacrament of Matrimony and wishes to support you in living your married life to the fullest.

At times, today's culture can work against your commitment to a healthy, lifelong Christian marriage. But the Church offers you the building blocks with which to build a solid foundation for your marriage. The cornerstones of that solid foundation begin now, in your engagement period.

Among the key elements of effective and successful marriage preparation are self-knowledge—an assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, both as individuals and as a couple—and good formation—a strong educational program on the Sacrament of Matrimony.

I believe our diocesan marriage preparation program (the steps of which are outlined in this brochure) will provide you with the spiritual resources and practical tools you need for a strong and healthy marriage—not only as newlyweds, but for a lifetime.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Malooly

Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D.
Bishop of Wilmington



6 Steps to a Rewarding Marriage Preparation Experience

WHEN: BEFORE SETTING A WEDDING DATE

After you become engaged, you should contact your parish as soon as possible and set up a meeting with a priest or deacon to assist you in your marriage preparation.

Step 1

Meet with Your Parish Priest or Deacon

During this initial meeting, the priest or deacon will determine if you and your

fiancé(e) are free to marry in the Church (i.e., confirm that no canonical impediments exist). He will also provide you with the information you need to complete Steps 2-6 of the marriage preparation process. Establishing a schedule for the completion of the individual components during or shortly after this meeting is advised.

WHEN: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER MEETING WITH YOUR PRIEST OR DEACON

Shortly after meeting with your priest or deacon, some parishes may ask both of you to complete a marriage

Step 2

Marriage Preparation "Inventory"

preparation "inventory," which is a series of questions designed to assess each of your habits, expectations, and values. This inventory will provide you with a personalized profile of your relationship's strengths and weaknesses. It is an important starting point for identifying and discussing any areas that need attention.

WHEN: IDEALLY, SIX TO TEN MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

The diocese offers an excellent educational component designed to introduce you to the rich and engaging teachings of the Church on the Sacrament of Matrimony, including the truth and meaning of human sexuality.

Step 3

The Marriage Preparation Course

As part of the course, we also offer virtue-based instruction in communication, conflict resolution, and financial decision-making.



WHEN: SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

When you begin to start a family, you may discover difficulties in trying to conceive. Natural

Step 4

Natural Family Planning

Family Planning (NFP) is not only effective for organically postponing pregnancy, it is also highly effective in overcoming obstacles that compromise your ability to become parents. Classes in Natural Family Planning can be taken online at: <http://register.ccli.org>.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Call (302) 295-0657 or email ljackson@cdow.org



WHEN: BEFORE THE WEDDING, AS NECESSARY

The Church invites all Catholics to prepare themselves spiritually prior to their marriage by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not of the Catholic Faith, you still would benefit from spiritual direction from the priest or deacon who will be officiating at your wedding or from another priest. The regular practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation keeps marriages healthy and strong.

Step 5

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Step 6

Final Meeting with Your Priest or Deacon

WHEN: BEFORE THE WEDDING, AS NECESSARY

Communicate regularly with the priest or deacon who will be witnessing

your wedding. Meet with him just prior to your marriage to ensure that everything is in order concerning your sacrament. Talk with your priest or deacon about getting involved in your parish community so that the Church can continue to support you throughout your married life.