

Enriched Marriage Course

The structure and the content of the Enriched Marriage course reflect the life experiences and maturity of older couples.

Christian Marriage is a journey of committed love undertaken for life.

The Church, as a community of believers in Jesus, desires that each couple that marries in the church, have a happy marriage leading to fullness of life.

The Church supports engaged couples in their decision to marry by offering a Marriage Course. The courses that are developed by the Archdiocese are designed to meet the needs of various groups of couples. The Enriched Marriage Course is directed at enhancing a mature couple relationship. The emphasis of this program is more on the couple themselves and less on basic married life skills.

Objectives

The objectives of the course are:

To help couples understand and know each other more deeply, through personal reflection and couple dialogue.

To give couples the opportunity to examine the areas of their relationship that are going well, and to explore areas where they experience difficulty.

To introduce communication skills which they can continue to use throughout their life together.

Enriched Marriage Weekend

This weekend you will be led through an experience of self discovery. You will learn new things about yourself, your partner and your relationship.

You will be invited to explore how you experience various areas of your relationship.

You will use a method which combines writing, dialogue with your partner, and the opportunity to share with other couples.

Your facilitators will provide you with feedback, tools, and reading material to assist you in various areas covered.

Additional Information

1. It is strongly recommended that the Marriage Course be taken at least six months before the wedding date.
2. The topics of Natural Family Planning, finances and human sexuality are covered in much greater detail at our regular marriage preparation program. You are invited to attend these sessions at no extra cost. Please contact us for the appropriate dates.
3. In the interest of the environment, we invite you to bring your own coffee/tea/water cup.
4. The Marriage Course is held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre: 8421 – 101 Avenue, Edmonton. Please use the “Conference Entrance”

Catholic Marriage Preparation “Enriched”

(for couples aged 30 and over)

“I am very pleased to greet you who are preparing to celebrate your marriage in the Church, and to welcome you to our preparation programme. With the help of God’s grace you are preparing to enter a lifelong covenant of love with one another. The Church wishes to accompany you with our loving and prayerful support, not only through this programme, but also through your married life. Please pray with me that your participation in our preparation course will be fruitful in enabling you to enter joyfully, and with faith, the sacrament of marriage.”

-The Most Reverend, Archbishop Richard Smith-

September 2008 to August 2009

Office of Marriage and Family Life
catholic archdiocese of edmonton

Registration Form

(Enriched Program 2008-2009)

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** your names as you would like them to appear on your certificate (first and last names only).

Office Use Only										
Receipt #										
Course #										
Coupon #:										
User ID M :										
User ID F:										
Password:										
Couple ID:										
FOCCUS Complete:										
Man's Name _____	Woman's Name _____		City _____		Postal Code _____					
We need one address where all correspondence will go to. Indicate whose it is by circling Male OR Female										
Address: _____	Age _____	Religion _____	Age _____	Religion _____	Age _____	Religion _____				
MALE: Daytime Phone: _____	First Marriage? YES NO	Children? YES NO	Age: _____	Religion: _____	First Marriage? YES NO	Children? YES NO				
FEMALE Daytime Phone: _____	First Marriage? YES NO	Children? YES NO	Age: _____	Religion: _____	First Marriage? YES NO	Children? YES NO				
Parish you are getting married in? _____										
Name of Priest Contact _____ Date Of Marriage _____										
COURSE: 1 st Choice _____ 2 nd Choice _____										

Dates And Times

The **Enriched Marriage** course includes the completion of FOCCUS and attending one of the following weekend courses.

- #1-E September 19, 20, 21, 2008
- #2-E October 24, 25, 26, 2008
- #3-E November 21, 22, 23, 2008
- #4-E January 23, 24, 25, 2009
- #5-E February 27, 28, March 1, 2009
- #6-E March 20, 21, 22, 2009
- #7-E April 24, 25, 26, 2009
- #8-E May 15, 16, 17, 2009
- #9-E June 26, 27, 28, 2009
- #10-E August 21, 22, 23, 2009

Times:

- Friday 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FOCCUS is a pre-marital inventory consisting of questions and statements which cover important areas of marriage. They include such topics as communications, sexual relationship, conflict resolution, financial management and religious orientation. After responding to the questions, you will attend a three hour feedback session with a facilitator.

Its purpose: A “talking paper” to acknowledge positive couple agreement and determine how individual needs can be met as a couple.

Arrangements for FOCCUS will be made upon registration.

Please read the reverse side of this brochure for more information on the Enriched Marriage Preparation Program

Registration

Registration is limited to 11 couples per course. **The total course fee is \$250.00 per couple.**

- Fill out the registration form. The \$250 fee must accompany the registration form. **We do not have debit or credit card capabilities.**
- In case of cancellation, \$50.00 is non-refundable.
- If you have done the FOCCUS portion of the course and cancel, an additional \$80.00 is non-refundable.
- The course fee is non-refundable after the course starts.
- No post dated cheques** unless authorized by this office. **There will be a \$10.00 service charge for NSF cheques.**
- We **DO NOT** take registrations over the phone.
- Mail or bring the registration form to the address below. Keep the rest of the brochure for the dates, times and map.

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