

Catholic Marriage preparation



“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

FOCCUS

FOCCUS is a pre-marital inventory consisting of questions and statements which cover important areas of marriage. They include such topics as communication, sexual relationship, conflict resolution, financial management and religious orientation.

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.

It is strongly recommended that the Marriage course be taken at least six months before the wedding date.

Please note: We are on the SOUTH SIDE of the river.



Registration Form

(Regular Program 2008-2009)

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

Man's Name _____ Woman's Name _____

We need one address where all correspondence will go to. Indicate whose it is by circling **Male OR Female**

Address: _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

MALE : Daytime Phone: _____ Age _____ Religion _____

First Marriage? YES NO **Children?** YES NO

FEMALE Daytime Phone: _____ Age: _____ Religion: _____

First Marriage? YES NO **Children?** YES NO

Parish you are getting married in? _____

Name of Priest Contact _____ Date Of Marriage _____

COURSE: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Office Use Only

Receipt #:

Course #:

Coupon #:

User ID M :

User ID F:

Password:

Couple ID:

FOCCUS Complete:

Aims of this Course

Jesus came that we may have abundant life and his own joy (John 10:10; 15:11). The primary aim of this course is to share a vision of marriage and family life that we believe will help couples find the abundant life and joy that Jesus intends for them. Couples who take this course will learn what a sacramental marriage is and how faith in God and participation in the Church can aid them in having a full and rich marriage – a marriage that equips them to love and prepares them for heaven. They'll also discover what the Church teaches about the responsibilities and joys of being parents and be introduced to *Natural Family Planning* as a way of spacing births that is both reliable and in harmony with God's design and Church teaching.

On top of this faith foundation couples will gain or improve skills to strengthen their relationship, learn about communication, conflict resolution, family of origins, the *Five Love Languages* and financial management.

You are invited to participate in this course with the hope that you will not only be better equipped for married life, but that you will be strengthened in faith, hope and love.

Love is a decision!

Dates And Times

This Marriage Preparation course includes the completion of FOCCUS and one of the following weekend courses.

#1	September 12, 13, 14, 2008
#2	November 14, 15, 16, 2008
#3	December 5, 6, 7, 2008
#4	January 9, 10, 11, 2009
#5	February 20, 21, 22, 2009
#6	March 6, 7, 8, 2009
#7	April 3, 4, 5, 2009
#8	May 1, 2, 3, 2009
#9	May 29, 30, 31, 2009
#10	June 12, 13, 14, 2009

Weekend Times:

Friday 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Note: If either of you has had a previously annulled relationship or if you are 30 years of age or older, you may want to consider the ENRICHED Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 469-1010 for more information.

Fee: \$200.00 per couple

Registration Procedure

1. Fill out the registration form on the back side.
2. The \$200 fee must accompany the registration form. We do not have any credit or debit card capabilities.
3. Make cheques payable to the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. The course fee is non-refundable on or after the start date of the course. In case of cancellation, \$50 is non-refundable.
4. We **DO NOT** take registrations over the phone.
5. **No postdated cheques**, unless authorized by this office. **There will be a \$10.00 service charge assessed on NSF cheques.**
6. Mail or bring the registration form to the address below. Keep the rest of the form for the dates, times and map.

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