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Marriage

Preparation & Enrichment

One Cathedral Square

Providence, RI 02903



For Program Availability

& Reservation Number

401-278-4576

marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org

Diocese of Providence
www.dioceseofprovidence.org

Registration Information * Fees * Special Needs * Refunds * Rescheduling

❖ Immediately upon setting a wedding date with your parish priest, please attend a Marriage Preparation Program. Ideally, that is done at least six to eight months before your wedding. To register please call the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment at 401-278-4576.

➤ You may choose which ever program is convenient for you, as to dates and location. Enrollment size is limited. Please use the registration form provided in the center of this booklet.

✘ Marriage Preparation programs are designed to be attended by couples only. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

❖ Before mailing in your registration form, please call the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment at 401-278-4576 for PROGRAM AVAILABILITY and to obtain a RESERVATION NUMBER.

➤ ONLY registrations with a reservation number can be processed.

✘ Your canceled check is your confirmation of registration. Please allow several weeks for your check to be processed.

FEE: \$200.00 PER COUPLE: These fees help to subsidize the costs of materials, facilities, refreshments and processing. Limited amounts of scholarship funds are available for couples who are unable to pay the entire fee, and are determined on a case-by-case basis, by the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment.

SPECIAL NEEDS: We will attempt to make any accommodations possible, within the limits of our programs and/or facilities, for anyone who is physically challenged, visually; hearing or speech impaired or is learning disabled.

REFUNDS: Couples who do not attend the program for which they are registered, and/or who do not call this Office, in advance, to cancel or to reschedule are considered **NO SHOWS**, no refund will be given. Couples who call to cancel, in advance, will receive a full refund, which will be issued in the name of the person who sent payment for the program.

RESCHEDULING: May be done, in advance of a program, without an additional fee. Couples, who are considered **NO SHOWS** or who re-schedule after their program has begun, may do so at a fee of \$25.00.

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Registraziones * Costo * Necesidades Especiales * Devoluciones * Cambio de Fechas

❖ Inmediatamente después de elegir una fecha para la boda con su párroco, llame a la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial 401-278-4576 para registrarse en el programa. Esto, usualmente se hace entre seis y ocho mese antes de la boda.

➤ Es muy recomendado que usted participe en el Programa de Preparación Matrimonial tan pronto como pueda; lo ideal sería seis a ocho meses antes de la boda. Por favor use las formas proveída sen el centro de este folleto para registrarse.

✘ Los programas de Preparación Matrimonial son diseñados exclusivamente para parejas. Las registraziones son aceptadas en el orden en que se reciben.

❖ Antes de enviarnos su registración por favor llame a la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial 401-278-4576 PARA SABER SI HAY CUPOS y obtener un NUMERO DE RESERVATION.

➤ ÚNICAMENTE registraziones con número de reserva serán procesadas.

Su cheque cobrado es la confirmación de su registración.

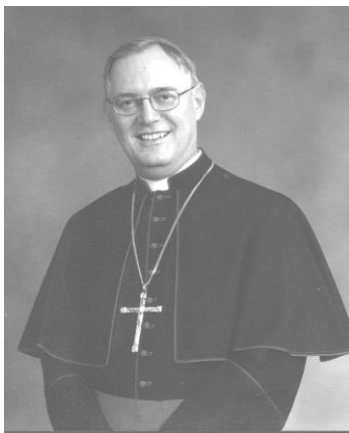
✘ Por favor permita varias semanas para que su cheque sea procesado.

EL COSTO: \$85.00 POR PAREJA: Su pago ayuda a subsidiar el costo de materiales, acomodamiento, refrescos y procesamiento. Una cantidad limitada de fondos está disponible para parejas con dificultades para pagar el costo total, y esto es decidido caso por caso, por personal de la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial.

NECESIDADES ESPECIALES: Nosotros trataremos de hacer todas las acomodaciones posibles, dentro de los límites de nuestro programa y/o instalaciones, para toda persona con alguna incapacidad física, visual, auditiva, del habla o con problemas de aprendizaje.

DEVOLUCIONES: Parejas que no asistan al programa para el cual se han registrado, y/o quienes no llamen a esta Oficina con anticipación para cancelar o cambiar la fecha serán considerados **AUSENTES SIN EXCUSA**; y no recibirán ninguna devolución. Parejas que llamen para cancelar con anticipación, recibirán la total devolución de su dinero, con un cheque que se hará a nombre de la persona que envió el pago para el programa.

CAMBIO DE FECHA: Puede hacerse con anticipación al programa sin ningún costo adicional. Parejas que son consideradas **AUSENTES SIN EXCUSA** o que cambien la fecha después que su programa ha comenzado, deberán pagar un cargo adicional de \$25.00.



My Dear Friends:

*Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
You created man in love to share your divine life.
We see this high destiny in the love of husband and wife,
Which bears the imprint of your own divine love.*

These words from the Preface of the Nuptial Mass remind us of the special nature of married love as designed by God and instituted as a Sacrament by Jesus Christ. They also provide an excellent starting point for reflection as you prepare to be married in the Catholic Church.

The time of your engagement and preparation for marriage is a very busy and exciting time for you. For most couples there are many arrangements and details that consume your time and attention. But in your preparation I hope that you won't forget the most important aspect of your marriage - the spiritual aspect.

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony, it is essential that you stay in close contact with the Church. Invite God into your lives as a special companion as you travel the road to marriage. Spend some extra time in prayer and reflection. Receive the sacraments of the Church, especially Confession and Holy Communion, as often as possible. And as you rejoice in all the blessing that God has given to you, don't forget all those in the world, in our own community, who are not as blessed, not as fortunate as we are! Charity should be the hallmark of your Christian lives together.

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers. May your wedding be joyful and memorable. May your marriage be faithful and holy, a true inspiration to the Christian community. And may God bless you with His finest gifts now, and in the days and years to come!

Sincerely yours,

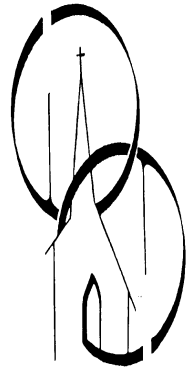
Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

Parish Based Programs

This program, given by a team of trained married couples and a priest or deacon, provides an opportunity for engaged couples to explore fundamental areas of love, marriage, and family life essential to a lasting Christian marriage. Life experiences are presented for consideration to give couples a sense of the real process of understanding each other more deeply. Exercises complement the ideas presented, and help to stimulate dialogue.

Topics include: communication, family of origin, finance, personality, sacramentality, spirituality, a sexuality component which includes a brief overview of Natural Family Planning and a session about planning your wedding liturgy.

➤ *Program dates & locations are listed on pages 6 through 8* ◀



Natural Family Planning (NFP)

NFP is a cooperative method of achieving or avoiding pregnancy through the observation and use of normally occurring signs in a woman's cycle. Unlike artificial methods, both partners share the responsibility of conception. Drugs, devices and surgery are not used. It fosters respect and acceptance of the total person by teaching couples the nature of fertility. NFP of Rhode Island is a non-sectarian, educational program which offers information and referrals to a variety of certified NFP instructors in Rhode Island.

Couples are drawn to NFP because it is medically safe and effective. Those who are ecologically aware see NFP as a logical extension of their concern about their psychological and physical environment. NFP is morally acceptable to people of any religion. Marriages are enriched through a mutual understanding of the shared responsibility for family planning creating a deeper appreciation for the value of life.

Fees: vary per instructors

Couple to Couple League

Darren & Robin Blier 401-596-9582
Peter & Lora Brodeur 401-596-3443



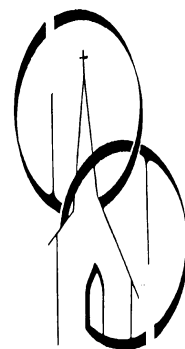
Creighton Model

Monica Bergeron 401-383-6246

Programa de Preparación en Español

Este programa, dado por un equipo de parejas casadas y un sacerdote o diácono, provee una oportunidad para que parejas comprometidas en matrimonio exploren áreas fundamentales del amor, el matrimonio, y la vida en familia, aspectos estos tan trascendentales para un matrimonio cristiano duradero. Experiencias reales son presentadas a las parejas para darle un sentido real al proceso de conocimiento mutuo profundo. Las ideas se conjugan con ejercicios que estimulan el diálogo.

Tópicos a tratar: comunicación, origen familiar, finanzas, personalidad, sacramentos, espiritualidad; un aspecto o componente sexual que incluye un breve repaso a La Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) y una sesión acerca de la planeación de la liturgia del matrimonio.



Fechas para 2017

El costo: \$85.00 por pareja

ABRIL 22, 29 Y MAYO 6 Sábados 9:00 am - 12:30 pm IGLESIA SAN PATRICIO 244 Smith Street (Salón de Música) Providence, RI 02908 <i>Rev. Nolasco Tayamo Alvarez</i>	SEPTIEMBRE 9, 16 Y 23 Sábados 9:00 am - 12:30 pm IGLESIA SAN PATRICIO 244 Smith Street (Salón de Música) Providence, RI 02908 <i>Rev. Nolasco Tayamo Alvarez</i>
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Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN)

La Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) es un método cooperativo para alcanzar o evitar embarazos con la observación y el uso de signos que normalmente ocurren durante el ciclo menstrual de una mujer. Para evitar un embarazo, la planificación familiar natural requiere abstinencia periódica durante el tiempo fértil. Las drogas, los dispositivos y la cirugía no se utilizan. Promueve la aceptación total de la persona al enseñar a las parejas la naturaleza de la fertilidad. PFN de Rhode Island es un programa educativo sin afiliación religiosa que ofrece información y refiere a un grupo de instructores certificados de PFN en el estado.

Las parejas se inclinan por la PFN porque es medicamento segura y efectiva. Aquellos con conciencia ecológica ven la PFN como una extensión de su preocupación por su ambiente físico y psicológico. La PFN es moralmente aceptable por gente de cualquier religión. Los matrimonios se enriquecen mutuamente al comprender y compartir la responsabilidad en la planeación familiar creando una más profunda apreciación del valor de la vida humana.

Parish Based Programs

For current availability; www.dioceseofprovidence.org; Ministries; Marriage Preparation & Enrichment

JANUARY 13 & 14

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT BENEDICT CHURCH

(Lower School Hall)
135 Beach Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889
Deacon Stephen R. Cote

JANUARY 29

Sunday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Begins with Mass at 8:30 am *

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

(Lower Church Hall)
65 Fruit Hill Avenue
Providence, RI 02909
Rev. John P. Soares

FEBRUARY 4 & 11

Saturdays
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

(Parish Center)
381 School Street
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Deacon Ron DePietro

FEBRUARY 12 & 19

Sundays
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SAINT CLARE CHURCH

(Parish Center)
4 Saint Clare Way
Westerly, RI 02891
Deacon Stephen R. Cote

FEBRUARY 17 & 18

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SAINT KEVIN CHURCH

(Church Hall)
333 Sandy Lane
Warwick, RI 02889
Deacon John Fulton

MARCH 5 & 12

Sundays
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

SAINT PHILIP CHURCH

(School Math Room)
622 Putman Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Rev. Ryan J. Simas

MARCH 10 & 11

Friday 6:15 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:15 am - 2:30 pm

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

(Parish Center)
114 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Rev. Henry J. Bodah

MARCH 10 & 12

Friday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH

(Lower Church Hall)
360 Cowesett Road
Warwick, RI 02886
Rev. Alfred V. Ricci

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MARCH 11 & 12

Saturday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

SAINT TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

CHURCH (Lower Church Hall)

358 Newport Avenue

Pawtucket, RI 02879

Rev. David G. Thurber

MARCH 24 & 25

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SS. ROSE & CLEMENT CHURCH

(Church Hall)

111 Long Street

Warwick, RI 02886

Deacon Stephen R. Cote

APRIL 21 & 22

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

SS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

(Parish Center)

341 South Main Street

Coventry, RI 02816

Rev. Stephen J. Dandeneau

APRIL 29 & 30

Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 am - 5:00 pm

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

(School Gymnasium)

244 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02908

Rev. James T. Ruggieri

MAY 12 & 13

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT BENEDICT CHURCH

(Lower School Hall)

135 Beach Avenue

Warwick, RI 02889

Deacon Stephen R. Cote

JUNE 2 & 3

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH

(Parish Hall)

1804 Atwood Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

Deacon Stephen R. Cote

JUNE 30 & JULY 1

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT BENEDICT CHURCH

(Lower School Hall)

135 Beach Avenue

Warwick, RI 02889

Deacon Stephen R. Cote

JULY 28 & 29

Friday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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AUGUST 4 & 5

Friday 6:15 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:15 am - 2:30 pm

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

(Parish Center)
114 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Rev. Henry J. Bodah

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAINT KEVIN CHURCH

(Church Hall)
333 Sandy Lane
Warwick, RI 02889
Rev. Robert L. Marciano

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SS. ROSE & CLEMENT CHURCH

(Church Hall)
111 Long Street
Warwick, RI 02886
Deacon Stephen R. Cote

OCTOBER 13 & 14

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

SS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

(Parish Center)
341 South Main Street
Coventry, RI 02816
Rev. Stephen J. Dandeneau

OCTOBER 22 & 29

Sundays
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

SAINT PHILIP CHURCH

(School Math Room)
622 Putman Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Rev. Ryan J. Simas

NOVEMBER 4

Saturday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

(Church Hall)
635 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Rev. Scott J. Carpentier

NOVEMBER 18

Saturday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

(Parish Center)
108 Washington Road
Barrington, RI 02806
Rev. Robert F. Hawkins

DECEMBER 3 & 10

Sundays
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SAINT CLARE CHURCH

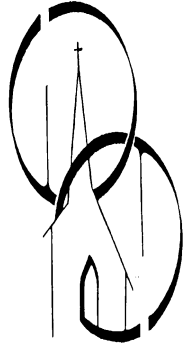
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*New Life,
New Love*

Remarriage Program

NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE is a program for couples who are remarrying after the death of a spouse or an annulment and who believe strongly in the permanence of marriage as taught by the Catholic Church. The NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE program gives couples insights into themselves and their couple relationship and provides the enrichment and support necessary to sustain a life-long, life-giving marriage.



This program is an opportunity to learn from other remarried couples about the dynamics of remarriage, blended families, step-parenting and to gain an understanding of the spirituality and sacramentality of marriage.

Some of the topics discussed are:

- Closure on relationship with former spouse
- How our present is influenced by our past
- Friendship holds everything together
- Communication skills
- Sexuality
- Step-parenting
- Blended families
- Conflict resolution

Dates for 2017

Fee: \$200.00 per couple

<p>APRIL 17 & 20 Monday & Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE (Conference Room) One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903 <i>Deacon Stephen R. Cote</i></p>	<p>OCTOBER 16 & 19 Monday & Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE (Conference Room) One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903 <i>Deacon Stephen R. Cote</i></p>
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**Please make check or money order payable to:
MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

**Mail to:
MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903**

Reservation #: _____

NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE REMARRIAGE PROGRAM

Program Dates: _____

Location: _____

HIS Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell: _____

Religion: _____

Church/City: _____

Education: _____

Occupation: _____

Have you been married before? _____

How long? _____

Are you widowed or divorced? _____

How long have you been widowed or divorced? _____

Number of children: _____

Age(s): _____

Will they be living with you when you remarry? _____

HER Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell: _____

Religion: _____

Church/City: _____

Education: _____

Occupation: _____

Have you been married before? _____

How long? _____

Are you widowed or divorced? _____

How long have you been widowed or divorced? _____

Number of children: _____

Age(s): _____

Will they be living with you when you remarry? _____

WEDDING DATE: _____

Name of the priest arranging wedding: _____

Name of church and city: _____

{2017 Registration Form}

For Office Use Only:

Received: _____

Date: _____

Check/M.O.#: _____

Catholics believe that marriage comes as a gift from the hand of God.

The catholic vision of marriage is rooted in scripture and is expressed in the teachings and practices of the Church.

It has these main elements:

- Marriage unites a couple in faithful and mutual love
- Marriage opens a couple to giving life
- Marriage is a way to respond to God's call to holiness
- Marriage calls the couple to be a sign of Christ's love in the world

Visit www.foryourmarriage.org for more information about specific dimensions of Catholic marriage.

- ♦ Biblical Roots of Marriage
- ♦ Meaning and Purpose of Marriage
- ♦ Marital Sexuality
- ♦ Marital Spirituality
- ♦ Other Frequently Asked Questions
- ♦ Prayers and Blessings Related to Marriage



Learn more about the Catholic vision of marriage online at: foryourmarriage.org



Más información sobre la vision católica del matrimonio en línea en: portumatrimonio.org

Online Resources

dioceseofprovidence.org

General information, parish listings and contact informations for ministries and services.

catholicmarriageri.org

Marriage Preparation and Enrichment information and program schedules.

thericatholic.com

Local, national, world news and events important to Rhode Island Catholics.

usccb.org

Prayer, worship, sacraments, daily readings, social issues.

vatican.va

The Holy Sea; Pope Francis: speeches, letters, homilies, prayers, photos.



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A wedding is but a day...
the Sacrament of Marriage...
is a lifetime!

Reservation

Number: _____

~ Parish Based Registration Form ~
Formulario para Registración del Programa en Español

Fechas del programa:
Program Dates:

Lugar del programa:
Program Location:

Nombre del novio:
HIS Name:

Edad:
Age:

Dirección:
Address:

Ciudad/Estado/Código:
City/State/Zip:

Correo Electrónico:
E-mail Address:

Tel. celular:
Cell Phone:

Religión:
Religion:

Iglesia/ciudad:
Church/City:

Educación/estudios:
Education:

Profesión:
Occupation:

¿Primer matrimonio? Si No
Is this your first marriage? YES NO

Nombre de la novia:
HER Name:

Edad:
Age:

Dirección:
Address:

Ciudad/Estado/Código:
City/State/Zip:

Correo Electrónico:
E-mail Address:

Tel. celular:
Cell Phone:

Religión:
Religion:

Iglesia/ciudad:
Church/City:

Educación/estudios:
Education:

Profesión:
Occupation:

¿Primer matrimonio? Si No
Is this your first marriage? YES NO

Fecha de matrimonio:
Wedding Date:

Nombre del sacerdote que los va a casar:
Name of priest arranging wedding:

Nombre de la iglesia y la ciudad donde se van a casar:
Name of church and city:

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Mail to:
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903**

Haga el cheque o money order a:
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Atención:
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One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903**

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