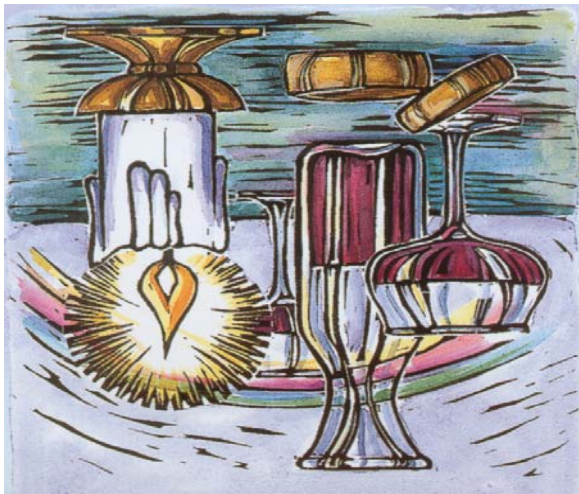


Diocese of Des Moines

2009



Programs

Preparation

Marriage

“Marriage Enrichment”

“Anniversary Celebration”

“Bringing Stepfamilies Together”

Coming in 2009:

Sponsor Couple Preparation
Arranged in Parishes

Life Skills and Sacramental Preparation Workshops

Each couple will need to attend one complete session of each workshop. You may attend life skills one month and sacramental another. It does not matter which is done first.

Life Skills Preparation, Session A:

March 7: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm
June 13: SS Peter & Paul Parish Center, Atlantic, 9am—5pm
August 8: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm
October 3: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm

Sacramental Preparation, Session B:

March 14: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm
June 20: SS Peter & Paul Parish Center, Atlantic, 9am—5pm
August 15: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm
October 10: Pastoral Center, Des Moines, 9am—5pm

Registration for these sessions is requested two weeks prior to date attending.

Lunch and snacks will be provided
\$75.00 per couple



Diocese of Des Moines Policy

1. A wedding date is to be set no sooner than six months from the initial contact with the priest/deacon or pastoral minister preparing the couple.
2. Couples are required to participate in an educational process prior to their marriage/validation. Options available to meet these requirements are sponsor couple, pre-marriage workshops, and validation workshops.
3. All couples are required to complete the FOCCUS inventory and discuss the results with preparing person or sponsor couple.
4. ASSESSMENT: Couples need to participate in an assessment process with the Marriage Ministry Office if either are:
 - a. Age 21 or under.
 - b. Pregnant or brining a child(ren) into the relationship.
 - c. Entering a second or subsequent marriage (includes widow or widower).
 - d. Seeking validation in the Catholic Church when there has been a previous marriage.

Goal

To provide an enrichment experience and education for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament in the Catholic Church. Couples will be given the opportunity to reflect, pray, and communicate about the vocation of marriage to which they believe they are called.

A Special Event Just for the Two of You

Please come to the session dressed comfortably, but remember that large meeting rooms tend to be cool. If you chill easily, dress inlayers. We ask you to bring an open heart and open mind.

May the lived experiences and tools of wisdom shared during the evening enrich your journey as together you unfold the story of your life.

What about Ecumenical Couples?

A high percentage of couples who attend the marriage preparation programs are ecumenical. While the presentations rely on the teachings of the Catholic church on marriage, our intention is also to support and respect persons of other faith expressions. We encourage the Catholic members to spend some time with their spouse's minister to rabbi to learn about the rich, unique aspects of his or her faith and understanding of marriage.

What have you done
For Your
MARRIAGE
Today?
www.foryourmarriage.org

Life Skills / Sacramental

Life Skills / Sacramental—\$75

Couples need to attend **ONE** session of **A** and **ONE** session of **B**.

Session A:

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Groom:

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone (H): (____) (____) Cell Phone : (____) (____)
 Occupation: _____
 Religion: _____
 Parish: _____
 Annulment: Yes No Widowed: Yes No
 Diocese Where Filed: _____ #: _____
 Children: Yes No

Bride:

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone (H): (____) (____) Cell Phone : (____) (____)
 Occupation: _____
 Religion: _____
 Parish: _____
 Annulment: Yes No Widowed: Yes No
 Diocese Where Filed: _____ #: _____
 Children: Yes No

REGISTRATION FORMS

Des Moines:
 Catholic Pastoral Center,
 601 Grand Avenue
 Des Moines, IA 50309
 (515) 237-5056
 Catholic Charities
 (Omni Centre)
 300 West Broadway
 Council Bluffs, IA 51503
 (712) 328-3086

Where are the Sessions Held?

March 11, 2009
 Des Moines
 March 18, 2009
 Council Bluffs
 Des Moines
 May 6, 2009
 Des Moines
 October 14, 2009
 Des Moines
 October 21, 2009
 Council Bluffs

When are Sessions Held?

Is an enrichment time for married couples planning to have their marriage validated in the Catholic Church. It is a unique opportunity to discover more about yourself and your spouse in the intimate setting of a candle light dinner—to discuss hopes, expectations and dreams in your married life. *This workshop is a sacramental preparation.*

Today...Tomorrow...Forever

You are invited and encouraged to attend at your earliest convenience if you are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

When Should You Attend?

For various reasons, Catholics find themselves in civil marriages or married in another faith without proper dispensation. In time, some seek to have their marriages recognized by the Catholic Church. In a validation ceremony, couples are married in the Catholic Church.

What does Validation of Marriage mean?

Today...Tomorrow...Forever Sacramental Validation

Mail Check to: Marriage Ministry Office
 Diocese of Des Moines - 601 Grand Ave. Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone (H): (____) (____) Cell Phone : (____) (____)
 Occupation: _____
 Religion: _____
 Parish: _____
 Annulment: Yes No Widowed: Yes No
 Diocese Where Filed: _____ #: _____
 Children: Yes No

Wife:

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone (H): (____) (____) Cell Phone : (____) (____)
 Occupation: _____
 Religion: _____
 Parish: _____
 Annulment: Yes No Widowed: Yes No
 Diocese Where Filed: _____ #: _____
 Children: Yes No

Husband:

- March 11, 2009, Des Moines
- March 18, 2009, Council Bluffs
- May 6, 2009, Des Moines
- October 14, 2009, Des Moines
- October 21, 2009, Council Bluffs

Today...Tomorrow...Forever—\$40

Today...Tomorrow...Forever