

2010--2011

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
SCHEDULE



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD



There are **three kinds** of marriage preparation programs that we endorse: **Engaged Encounter Weekend, In-home Series Program, and a One-Session Program.** The **One-Session Program** is a full-day preparation process while the **Series Program** is offered in four to six sessions (usually in a lead couple's home.)

The **two-day programs** are usually held in the parish advertising the program.

Engaged Encounter is a weekend designed to give couples planning marriage an opportunity for an intensive and honest look at their commitment to one another. Presentations given in this program are by married couples and a priest.

How to Register...

Choose a program from one of the following pages, which will allow you to complete that program approximately four months prior to your wedding, then call the appropriate contact person. You will be asked to submit the registration forms, found in the back of this brochure, along with the necessary fee. ***You will be considered registered only when these are received.***

This diocesan office highly recommends the “In-home Series” and “Engaged Encounter Weekends”. Couples who have given their time to these programs have commented on how much they have enriched their relationship.

***For more information
feel free to contact:***

**Diocese of Springfield, MA
Office of Pastoral Ministries
65 Elliott St.
P.O. Box 1730
Springfield, MA 01102-1730**

**Director: Sr. Cathy Homrok, SSJ
(413) 452-0686
Email: c.homrok@diospringfield.org**

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO LATINO

65 Elliot St., P. O. Box 1730, Springfield, MA 01102-1730

**Las siguientes Parroquias ofrecen retiros de Pre-Cana
(Preparación Matrimonial)**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

435 Maple Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Tel. # (413) 532-4282

By appointment with Pastor or Parochial Vicar

Saint Mary Parish

30 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA 01085

Tel. # (413) 562-5477

By appointment with Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacon

Blessed Sacrament / All Souls

445 Plainfield St., Springfield, MA 01107-1031

Tel. # (413) 736-0076

By appointment with Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacons

Saint Michael's Cathedral

260 State Street, Springfield, MA 01105

Tel. # (413) 781-3656

By appointment with Clergy

Saint Francis Chapel

254 Bridge Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Rev. Fr. James Brennan C.Ss.R. Tel. # (413) 452-0625

Rev. Fr. Timothy Keating C.Ss.R. Tel. # (413) 452-0884

Spiritual Directors

Bishop Joseph Maguire Pastoral Center

65 Elliot Street, Springfield, MA 01102

Tel. # (413) 452-0808

Rev. Mr. Genaro Medina, Permanent Deacon

Berkshire Deanery



Saint Agnes Parish Center

489 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226

Contact Person: Rev. Christopher Malatesta

(413) 684-0125

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

Sept. 12, 2010

Feb. 13, 2011

April 17, 2011

June 12, 2011

Sept. 11, 2011

Cost per couple: \$70.00

Light refreshments served.

Sacred Heart Church

395 Chestnut Street

Springfield, MA 01104

Contact person: Marie Lapolice

(413) 732-3721

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. April 10, 2011

Registration Fee: \$10.00

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

1023 Parker Street

Springfield, MA 01109

Contact Person: Sr. Mary Petisce

(413) 783-8619

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., ends with 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sept. 18, 2010

Mar. 12, 2011

Cost per Couple: Parishioners \$60.00

Non-Parishioners \$80.00

Includes Lunch and Materials

Saint Patrick Parish Hall

19 Green Street,

(Columbia Hall) Monson, MA 01057

Contact Persons: Peter & Elizabeth Matrow at (413) 267-3910
or Rectory at (413) 267-3622

Please email pre-registration to: pmatrow@verizon.net

(Include name, contact information, wedding date and parish)

Saturday, registration at 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., including 4 p.m. Mass

March 26, 2011

Cost per Couple: \$35.00

Light Lunch included.

Saint Cecilia Parish Center

42 Main Street,

Wilbraham, MA 01095

Contact Person: Annette Bishop

(413) 596-4232 Ext. 101

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 19, 2011

Cost per Couple: \$60.00 Lunch Included

Limited space available. Must call to register.

Priority is given to Parishioners

Holy Name Parish Social Center

51 Alderman Street

Springfield, MA 01108-1895

Contact Person: Sr. Catherine Leary, SSJ

(413) 733-5823

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ending with 4:30 Mass

Feb. 12, 2011

Certificates presented at Mass

Cost per couple: \$50.00 (Lunch included)

Mail check to: Sr. Catherine Leary, SSJ

323 Dickinson St.

Springfield, MA 01108

Saint Michael's Cathedral Rectory

260 State Street,

Springfield, MA 01103-1780

Contact Person: Sr. Margaret McNaughton, SSJ

(413) 781-3656 or 413-452-0793

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. including 4:00p.m. Mass

November 6, 2010

Cost per Couple: \$50.00

Light refreshments.

Saint Stanislaus Basilica School

566 Front Street,

Chicopee, MA 01013

(413) 594-6669

Contact Person: Urszula Wolanska-Fettes

and Rev. Mr. Joseph Peters

E-mail: saintstan@saintstanislaus.org

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Mass following at the Basilica

Oct. 24, 2010

April 3, 2011

October 2, 2011

Cost per couple: \$60.00 Lunch is included

Saint Rose de Lima

15 Chapel St.

Chicopee, MA 01020

Contact Persons: Diane & Paul Samson

(413) 536-4558

Saturday, **Breakfast served** 8:30-9:00 a.m.

9:00-5:00 p.m. includes 4 p.m. Mass

Oct. 16, 2010

April 30, 2011

Oct. 22, 2011

Cost per Couple: \$50.00 Lunch included

Full payment required 2 weeks before class starts

Limited space available.

Series and In-Home Programs



Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam

Programs will be held at the Leaders' homes in Agawam.
Two-hour sessions in early afternoon on Sundays for 5 weeks.

Two sessions offered January - March

Contact Persons: Francie & George Cornwell
(413) 786-7159

Cost per Couple: \$50.00

E-mail: fcornwell@gmail.com

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

123 William Street
Springfield, MA 01105

Place: In various homes of presenting couples.

Parishioners are a priority.

Contact Persons: Vin & Lynda Scicolone
Phone: (413) 783-7967

***FIVE WEEKS IN-HOME SERIES, Two-Hour Sessions,
ARRANGED INDIVIDUALLY.***

Cost per couple: Parishioners \$30.00
Non-Parishioners \$50.00 if room is available.

Saint Mary's Parish Rectory

519 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Contact Person: Alice Pacella
(413) 567-3124

Sunday, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12, 2010
Nov. 7, 2010
Jan. 9, 2011
Mar. 6, 2011
May 1, 2011

Cost per Couple: \$30.00

E-mail: parishoffice@stmarylong.org

Blessing your Engagement

*We invite you to attend our Annual
"Blessing of Engaged Couples"*

March 6, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Contact: Office of Worship
(413) 452-0839



*This is a time to gather with other couples and receive
the Blessing of the Church
in a special liturgy celebrated by
Bishop Timothy McDonnell.*

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



A weekend designed to give couples planning marriage the experience to concentrate exclusively on each other, tension free, and be away from the pressures and interruptions of normal, everyday life. This weekend is designed to deepen and enrich the relationship of a couple as they approach marriage. *It is very highly recommended.* **(The cost per couple includes materials, rooms and meals.)**

1. **Manchester, NH.** (603) 424-2856 ***Tom & Janice Lachance***
Email: lachancet@aol.com
Web: www.rc.net/manchester/engagedencounter
\$75.00 deposit **Cost:** TBD
2. **Boston, MA.** (508) 865-9087 Catholic Engaged Encounter
Web: www.bostonengagedencounter.org
Cost: \$275.00
3. **Hartford, CT.** (203) 230-2460
Family Life Office
Web: www.hartfordcee.org
Cost: \$300.00
4. **Norwich, CT**
Phone: (860) 536-8665 ***Frank and MaryAnne Pendola***
Place: Immaculata Retreat Ctr, Willimantic, CT
Web: NorwichEEBooking@comcast.net
Engaged encounter.org (National Engaged Encounter)
ccfsn.org
Cost per Couple: \$399.00/2010
5. **Worcester, MA**
For information on weekends and events go to the following website:
Web: www.worcestercee.net
6. **New York Archdiocese** (Engaged Encounter of Lower New York near Poughkeepsie)
Web: www.engagedencounterny.org

ONE IN CHRIST WEEKEND

Burlington, VT. Carrie Handy (802)658-6111

Web: www.vermontcatholic.org

Path: Departments

Marriage, Family & Respect life

Christian Marriage

ONE IN CHRIST WEEKEND

Download Pre-Cana Weekend

Brochure/Registration Form

Cost: \$300.00





HIS REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required in all programs.

His Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Work _____

Parish/Religious Affiliation _____

Marital Situation: _____ Single
_____ Civilly Married
_____ Divorced & getting married.

Children: _____ No Children
_____ Children from previous marriage
_____ Children from a previous relationship

E-mail address _____

Wedding Date _____

Church _____

Presiding Priest/Deacon _____

Registering For: __ One Day __ Series __ Engaged Encounter

Date & Place _____

Check Enclosed: _____

Address after the Wedding _____

To Have and To Hold

WHY MARRIAGE PREPARATION?

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate you on your engagement! You have just entered into a time of preparation, a time to plan for the future and a time to dream of happily-ever-after. It is a journey that we hope will allow you to grow closer together in your love for each other and your love for Christ.

The reality is that there is no such thing as happily-ever-after. We are living in a time when our society approves, and makes it easy to divorce; in a time when approximately one half of all marriages are ending in divorce; a time when there are so many external forces working to break down the family.

We are here to say that we recognize the pressure and stress that you are under as you prepare for this important step; therefore, we ask that you take at least a year for marriage preparation. As your Christian community, guided by the bishop and pastor, it is our responsibility to provide a preparation time for you, a time to reflect upon who you are as a couple. This is an opportunity to have ideas brought before you and to discuss them as a couple...How will we handle this situation? Are our goals in this area compatible? Will we make Christ the center of our home?

