

## **Congratulations on your engagement!**

*Please read this brochure completely before beginning the marriage preparation process.*

*Step 1* Archdiocesan policy requires you to receive permission from your parish pastor to register for marriage preparation. He will give you a copy of the *Engaged Couple Guide for Catholic Marriage Preparation*.

With your pastor's permission, you may then proceed with *Step 2* which is to attend a Welcome Session where you will complete the FOCCUS Inventory, register for your educational program, and make payment.

*The 5 Step preparation process in the Archdiocese of Omaha is explained more fully on the back of this brochure.*

If you have a special situation, please direct your questions to the Center of Family Life Formation, 402.551.9003 x 1303 or [mfloreschavez@archomaha.org](mailto:mfloreschavez@archomaha.org).

### **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**

Basic NFP concepts are included in both MAJ and MAJ-V. A full course is highly recommended for couples planning to practice NFP or who desire to learn a particular NFP method. Contact a provider below for more information.

Family of the Americas: 402.551.9003 x1303

[www.familyplanning.net](http://www.familyplanning.net)

Couple to Couple League: [www.cclomaha.org](http://www.cclomaha.org)

402.571.4111 (English)

FertilityCare: [www.fertilitycare.org](http://www.fertilitycare.org) 402.392.0842

## **2017 Formation Programs**

### **Sesión de Bienvenidos (Welcome Session)**

This session includes completing the FOCCUS inventory and registering and paying for your educational program. **Registration is NOT required to attend a Welcome Session.**

Omaha: Tuesdays 7-9 pm; Saturdays 2-4pm

Columbus : Saturdays 3-5pm

Norfolk: Saturdays 3-5pm

Emerson: Sundays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Fremont: Saturdays 2-4pm

### **Urban**

#### **All Urban Welcome Sessions will be held in the Assumption/Guadalupe Library.**

January 10 (Tuesday)

February 18 (Saturday)

March 14 (Tuesday)

April 22 (Saturday)

May 23 (Tuesday)

June 17 (Saturday)

July 18 (Tuesday)

August 12 (Saturday)

September 5 (Tuesday)

October 7 (Saturday)

November 7 (Tuesday)

December 2 (Saturday)

### **Rural**

January 14 (Columbus)

January 22 (Emerson)

January 28 (Norfolk)

February 19 (Emerson)

February 25 (Fremont)

March 18 (Norfolk)

March 19 (Emerson)

April 29 (Fremont)

May 13 (Columbus)

May 27 (Norfolk)

May 28 (Emerson)

June 24 (Fremont)

June 18 (Emerson)

July 15 (Columbus)

July 22 (Norfolk)

July 23 (Emerson)

August 19 (Fremont)

September 16 (Columbus)

September 30 (Norfolk)

October 14 (Fremont)

November 4 (Norfolk)

November 18 (Columbus)

December 2 (Fremont)

### **Addresses**

#### **Omaha**

**Assumption/Guadalupe library** 2215 U. St. Omaha

**St. Bridget Parish** 4112 St. Omaha

**Columbus (St. Bonaventure Parish Center)** 1565 18th Ave.

**Emerson (Sacred Heart)** 600 N. Main St.

**Fremont (Saint Patrick)** 3400 E. 16th St.

**Norfolk (Sacred Heart Basement)** 200 S. 5th St.

**Schuyler (St. Augustine hall)** 619 Banner St. Or

**(Saint Mary's hall)** 308 10th St

## **MAJ: Marriage A Journey for Life \$150**

Couples are provided the opportunity for prayerful reflection and discussion of topics important to living the vocation of marriage within the context of the Catholic faith. **MAJ Registration occurs at a Welcome Session.**

Omaha, Fremont and Norfolk: We will contact you details about the time and place after you register.

## **MAJ-V (Convalidation)**

**\$150**

Recognizing the range of relationship experience all couples bring to marriage prep, MAJ focuses on preparing each couple to live their vows in the context of marriage as a sacrament and vocation. Couples who are civilly married and are now preparing for a valid marriage in the Catholic Church or any couple with children of any age may choose from any of the MAJ-V dates listed below. MAJ-V (previously called Bodas Sencillas/Simple Weddings) presents the same topics as MAJ with an additional focus on parenting.

- **MAJ-V Registration occurs at a Welcome Session.**
- **Sessions are Fridays 6:30pm-9:30pm & Saturdays 8:30am to 4:00pm.**
- **Schuyler sessions are Saturdays 8:30am - 5:00pm & Sundays 8:00am - 11:00am.**

**Omaha:** St. Bridget Parish

**Emerson:** Sacred Heart

**Fremont:** St. Patrick

**Norfolk:** Sacred Heart Basement

**Schuyler:** St. Augustine or St. Mary's Hall

A: January 20-21 (Omaha) I: July 28-29 (Norfolk)

B: February 24-25 (Norfolk) J: August 11-12 (Emerson)

C: March 10-11 (Fremont) K: September 8-9 (Omaha)

D: March 31-Apr 1 (Omaha) L: September 23-24 (Schuyler)

E: April 7-8 (Emerson) M: October 13-14 (Fremont)

F: May 19-20 (Schuyler) N: November 10-11 (Omaha)

G: June 9-10 (Omaha) O: December 1-2 (Fremont)

H: June 30-July 1 (Fremont)

## Step One

Contact your parish as soon as you become engaged! Pastor permission is required to register for marriage prep. Archdiocese of Omaha policy requires a minimum of six months for marriage preparation to allow sufficient time to complete and fully benefit from each step of the process.

*Please note:*

- A wedding date will not be set until the preparation process is completed *if either of you* will be less than 19 years of age on the date you plan to marry.
- Also, if either or both of you have been previously married in 1) a civil ceremony, *or* 2) a ceremony in the Catholic Church or any other faith tradition, a written decree of nullity (annulment) is required prior to registering for marriage preparation.

## Step Two

- Attend a Welcome Session where you will complete FOCCUS inventory and register and pay for an Educational Program.

## Step Three

- Attend facilitated sessions for the FOCCUS as directed by your priest.

## Step Four

- Attend Educational Program chosen in Step Two.

## Step Five

- Plan the Wedding Rite with your priest using the *Engaged Couple Guide* you received from your priest in Step One.



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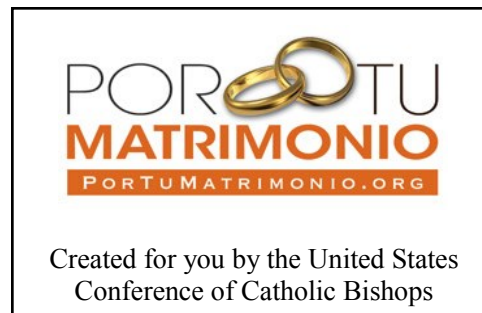
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... “It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to “receive” the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ.

This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ’s cross, the source of all Christian life.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1615



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# Marriage Preparation in Spanish

(English language brochure for clergy)

