

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Parish-based marriage preparation programs are an option for consideration based on needs and availability. Each parish that is open to accepting couples has different formats but all cover topics consistent with diocesan marriage preparation requirements. For information contact your Office of Family Life Ministries at (716) 847-2210 or email: familylife@buffalodiocese.org.



REGARDING THE PLACE OF MARRIAGE:

In accord with the custom of the Diocese of Buffalo, Catholic weddings are to be celebrated primarily in parish churches. Since the parish church is the “spiritual home” of the family of God, where the life-giving sacraments are normally celebrated and since the parish is the heart of sacramental life and ministry, weddings in places such as gardens, parks, hotels, etc. are prohibited. Also, weddings in high school chapels, religious houses, and oratories that are not attached to a parish are not permitted.

For information and resources about a healthy marriage, visit: www.foryourmarriage.org. The website is a National Pastoral initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

*May your marriage be filled with
God’s abundant blessings of peace,
love and joy.*



FOR YOUR DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION

“And the two shall become one”



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Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and marriage!

We are happy to assist you in your personal preparations for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Pre-Cana experiences generally include prayer, presentations by trained team couples on various topics such as communication, intimacy and sexuality, goals and expectations, sacramental marriage, finances, children and family planning. Opportunity for you to share privately with your future spouse is provided. Each pre-Cana offers unique aspects all designed to provide you and your future spouse with an affirming and enriching program. ***You will receive your pre-Cana Certificate at the conclusion of your program.***

Any **ONE** of the following pre-Cana programs satisfies the requirements for marriage preparation for the Diocese of Buffalo.

JOURNEY INTO LOVE: A diocesan one day marriage preparation program that uses presentations offered by trained married couple teams. Engaged couples use various communication exercises focusing on such areas as dynamics of effective communication, intimacy, marital roadblocks, natural family planning and sacramental marriage. Program includes a continental breakfast, lunch, program materials and prayer. Dates and location for this program are listed in the center of this brochure. Engaged couples need to call us ***as soon as possible to register for a particular program day/date; reservations are necessary and space is limited. Cost is \$150 per couple no matter the location. Registration for all programs (except the on-line program) is done through the Family Life Office.***

Visit the Family Life Website ***For the Engaged*** page for more information for couples preparing for marriage in the Diocese of Buffalo.

2016

SUNDAY September 11, 2016

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.

Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY October 16, 2016

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY November 13, 2016

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

Saturday December 10, 2016

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

2017

SUNDAY January 8, 2017

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

Saturday February 11, 2017

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY March 25, 2017

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY April 23, 2017

D'Youville College, 329 Porter Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14201-1084
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

Saturday May 6, 2017

St. Bonaventure Parish,
95 East Main St., Allegany, NY 14706
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY May 21, 2017

Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road, East Aurora, NY 14052
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

Saturday June 17, 2017

Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road, East Aurora, NY 14052
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

Saturday July 22, 2017

Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road, East Aurora, NY 14052
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

SUNDAY August 20, 2016

Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road, East Aurora, NY 14052
Time 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
To register call (716) 847-2210

CANA II: A program designed for couples planning ***remarriage in the church and blending families together with children.*** Some of the topics addressed include family background, step-family structure, handling conflict, money management, communication, and sacramental marriage. ***This program specifically fits the needs of couples in which at least one person is widowed or divorced.*** In the latter case, previous marriages need to have been annulled or declared invalid by the Church. Cost is \$50.00.

On-Line Program available 24/7 365 days a year, includes couples separated by distance and those who cannot attend the traditional program. Visit the website for information and/or registration at: www.CatholicMarriagePrepClass.com or call 1(855) 773-2262; couples receive their pre-Cana certificate upon completion of the program.