

Seminar Dates, Locations and Registration

All programs take place on **Saturdays** from **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Registration fee is **\$125 per couple** which includes seminar, materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

For a current list of dates and locations, see the **schedule insert** accompanying this brochure or download the schedule from the **marriage preparation page** of our website: www.worcesterdiocese.org/marriage-preparation.

How to Register:

It is recommended that engaged couples attend the *God's Plan* seminar within the first few months of their year of preparation for marriage.

Complete the **registration form** that accompanies this brochure, or download a copy from the marriage preparation page of our website: www.worcesterdiocese.org/marriage-preparation.

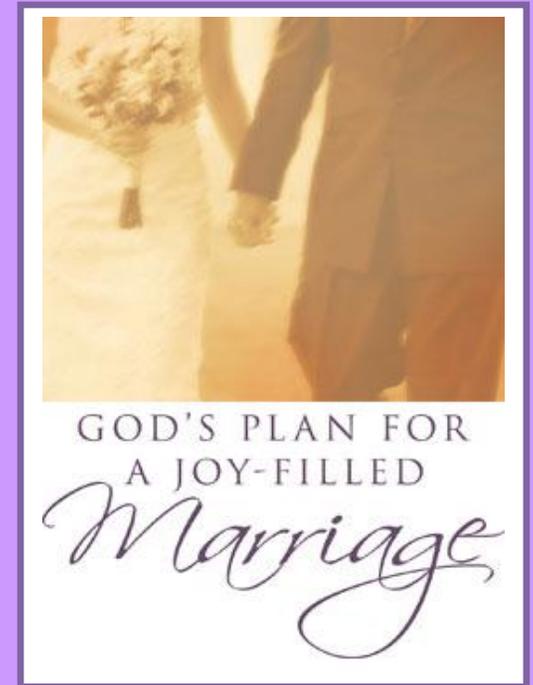
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*A Seminar for
Engaged Couples*

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

Preparing for marriage is an exciting time in your life! The Catholic Church wants to help you in this wonderful journey of preparation for your life-long vocation. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out, "So that the 'I do' of the spouses may be a free and responsible act and so that the marriage covenant may have solid and lasting human and Christian foundations, preparation for marriage is of prime importance." (n. 1632)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage is a one-day seminar for engaged couples. It provides couples with a rich understanding of the teachings of the Church and offers them the tools to live married life as God intended.



The Wedding at Cana

Men and women are naturally attracted to the beauty of God's plan for marital love, but most couples have simply never heard the beauty of Catholic teaching presented in the sensible and appealing way it is proposed in this seminar. The *God's Plan* program offers a refreshing, liberating vision of marriage and sexuality – one that helps couples fully embrace and celebrate God's glorious plan for their lives.

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage is comprised of two main parts: "Catholic Faith and Your Marriage" and "Sacramental Sexuality." The program demonstrates the "why's" behind the "what's" of Catholic teaching, and helps couples understand the beauty of God's plan for marriage and the joy of living it.

*Fill out and mail the registration form enclosed with this brochure to make your reservation to attend the next available **God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage** seminar at a location near you.*

Upon completion of the seminar you will receive a certificate which you should bring back to your marriage preparation minister to be kept in the parish marriage file.



'True love' is possible. That's the promise the Church holds out to us in her teachings on sex and marriage. This is good news. This is great news!

~ Christopher West,
[Good News About Sex and Marriage](#)

What people are saying about the *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* program:

"This whole program was helpful. I did not expect to hear what I heard about sex, marriage and the Catholic Church. It definitely gave me a different view point that I didn't have before. I was very impressed and moved."

"I really enjoyed this seminar. It was very educational and opened my eyes and my mind to truly understand what marriage is and what sharing our life together means."

"This seminar was an amazing, uplifting and eye opening class. We both left with a renewed love for each other and a stronger affirmation of our desire to enter the covenant of marriage. It strengthened our faith in God and provided a clear and wonderful understanding of His plan for our marriage. We feel so blessed to have had that experience, it was absolutely wonderful. Thank you!"

"I learned a lot from this session! I wish I had learned more about these topics earlier in my life! This seminar would be helpful for non-Catholics and singles as well."

"If my fiancée and I had learned these teachings of the Church on sexuality sooner, we would never have become sexually active."

"It has been a very healing day! Wonderful!"