Marriage takes three to be complete
It's not enough for two to meet.
They must be united in love
By love's Creator, God above.

Then their love will be firm and strong;
Able to last when things go wrong.
Because they've felt God's love & know
He's always there, He'll never go.

And they have both loved Him in kind
With all their hearts and souls & minds
And in that love they've found the way
To love each other every day.

A marriage that follows God's plan
Takes more than just a woman & a man
It needs a oneness that can be
Only in Christ - for marriage takes three.

♥ This retreat weekend fulfills the pre-marriage weekend required by most parishes in this area.

♥ Weekend is held in the Parish Living Room at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

♥ Housing not provided.

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TO HELP US ADEQUATELY MAKE FOOD ARRANGEMENTS AND HAVE ALL PROPER PAPERWORK, PLEASE REGISTER BY March 30, 2020
Congratulations on your engagement!
This is an exciting and busy time for you as you plan for your wedding day and make decisions about your future life together. For many years the Catholic Church has recognized the need for marriage preparation that prepares couples for a lifetime of marriage, not just for the wedding day. We know that as two individuals you bring to your relationship two unique approaches to marriage and it is important for you to identify your differences and then discuss how you will combine them into your future life together.

Seven Sessions To Enrich Your Marriage
The format and content of the program will help you understand the importance of an open and honest relationship between the two of you. It will help you see the beauty of God’s plan for marriage and the joys of living it. By hearing the stories of married couples and listening to their experiences, you will come to realize that each relationship is unique and special. It takes a commitment from both of you to make your relationship grow into a strong marriage. There will be seven sessions covering topics to help you grow in your relationship. We offer time for private reflection and conversation through out the day.

Accepting Each Other
Discover how your individual gifts can complement each other and strengthen your marriage

Parenting
Learn how the addition of children can strengthen your relationship, rather than threaten your relationship.

Facing Challenges Together
Identify what your challenges are, how you can overcome those challenges and how you can face new ones that will arise.

Sharing Resources
Examine how money, time, friends and habits affect your relationship.

Family Of Origin
Recognize the strengths and possible misunderstandings that are rooted in your experiences of family relationships. Learn how your family background will impact your marriage.

Intimacy
Explore how spiritual, physical and emotional needs affect intimacy.

Theology of Marriage and Theology of the Body
God created marriage as part of his divine plan for the salvation of the world. As husband and wife, you are called to be living icons of the love of Jesus Christ to each other, to your children, and to the world.
A Few Words From Couples Who Have Attended These Sessions

♥ “The session on personality helped us accept each other. It helped me understand things about me and my partner.”

♥ “It made us think about things we haven't talked about before. The time between the sessions gave us a chance to discuss the issues.”

♥ “It really made me think of my fiancé as an individual and know we have different ways of communicating.”

♥ “The session on intimacy helped me realize there are a lot more aspects to the subject than I thought.”

♥ “The session on sharing resources gave me some great ideas for budgeting and working out problems.”

♥ “Talking about our family of origin helped us learn even more about each other and instigated deep discussions.”

♥ “I liked how married couples talked about their marriages, about how there will be problems and bumps in the road. It won't be a breeze.”
# Registration Form for Marriage Preparation Sessions

**Date of Marriage** __________________________  **Church of Marriage** ________________________

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**Registration forms and $125/Couple registration fee should be mailed to:**

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