

2015 SCHEDULE

The two-day “Joy-Filled Marriage” workshop is being offered in 2015 throughout the Diocese of Toledo. Workshops are held on Saturday and Sunday.

JAN/FEB 31 & 1

Little Flower, Toledo

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

MARCH 14 & 15

Resurrection, Lexington

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

APRIL 11 & 12

Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

APRIL 25 & 26

Divine Mercy, Paulding

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

MAY 23 & 24

St. Bernard, New Washington

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

MAY 30 & 31

St. Jerome, Walbridge

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

JUNE 13 & 14

Immaculate Conception,
Port Clinton

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

JUNE 20 & 21

St. Augustine, Napoleon

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

JULY 11 & 12

St. John the Evangelist, Delphos

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

JULY 18 & 19

St. Thomas More, Bowling Green

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

AUGUST 22 & 23

Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

AUGUST 29 & 30

St. Peter, Huron

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

St. Wendelin, Fostoria

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

OCTOBER 10 & 11

St. Mary, Leipsic

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

St. Joan of Arc, Toledo

SAT 9am-3pm & **SUN** 9am-4pm

To register for one of the dates above,
or for more information, visit
jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com.

To explore other options, visit
toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family

Scholarships are available to those with
financial need.



*“For this reason, a man
shall leave his father and
mother and be joined
to his wife, and the two
shall become one flesh.’
This is a great mystery,
and I mean in reference
to Christ and the church”
(Eph 5:31-32).*



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2015

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6 Steps

to a rewarding
Marriage
Preparation
Experience



Diocese of Toledo



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION
 IN THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

A Message from
 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

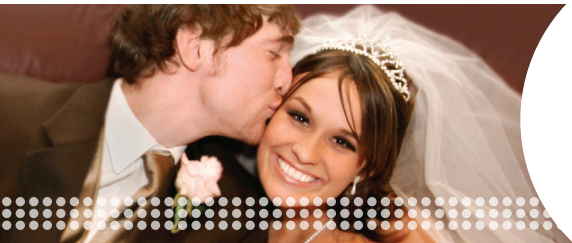


Prayerful congratulations on your engagement! I am sure at this time you're in the midst of making plans for a day you've both been dreaming about all your lives. The Church shares your excitement as you prepare not only for your wedding day, but for a lifetime as husband and wife; your journey of sacramental marriage in the world. I want you to know that the Church will be by your side every step of the way to help you prepare for this life transforming journey. The culture in which we live may neither recognize that a life-long, joy-filled marriage is possible, nor place any value on the decision to marry at all. But Christ abundantly blesses your intention and your love. His Church is here to accompany you, to offer you hope, and to affirm your commitment. Each part of the marriage preparation program we offer, outlined in this brochure, provides keen insights, tools and resources necessary to equip you for a holy marriage. I pray you will continue to turn to the Church as an ongoing source of hope for you through all your married years together, showing you that truly, "with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas



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WHEN: BEFORE SETTING A WEDDING DATE

After you become engaged, you should contact your parish as soon as possible and set up a meeting with a priest or deacon to assist you in your marriage preparation.

Step 1

Meet with your parish priest (or deacon)

During this initial meeting, the priest or deacon will determine if you and your fiancé(e) are free to marry in the Church (i.e., confirm that no canonical impediments exist). He will also provide you with the information you need to complete Steps 2-6 of the marriage preparation process. Establishing a schedule for the completion of the individual components during or shortly after this meeting is advised.

WHEN: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER MEETING WITH YOUR PRIEST OR DEACON

Shortly after meeting with your priest or deacon, most parishes will ask both of you to complete a marriage

preparation "inventory," which is a series of questions designed to assess each of your habits, expectations, and values. This inventory will provide you with a personalized profile of your relationship's strengths and weaknesses. It is an important starting point for identifying and discussing any areas that need attention.

Step 2

Marriage Preparation "Inventory"

WHEN: IDEALLY, SIX TO TEN MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

The Diocese of Toledo offers an excellent educational component designed to introduce you to the rich and engaging teachings of the Church on the sacrament of matrimony, including the truth and meaning of human

sexuality. As part of the workshop, we also offer virtue-based instruction in communication, conflict resolution, and financial decision-making. This will build on the knowledge you gained from your marriage inventory.

Step 3

The Marriage Preparation Course



WHEN: SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

When you begin to start a family, you may have difficulties in trying to conceive. Natural

Family Planning (NFP) is not only effective for postponing pregnancy organically, it is also highly effective in overcoming obstacles that compromise your ability to become parents. More information and classes available in NFP can be found on the Marriage & Family Life Office page at the Diocese of Toledo website www.toledodiocese.org. NFP classes can also be taken online at <http://register.ccli.org/virtual>.

Step 4

Natural Family Planning



WHEN: BEFORE THE WEDDING, AS NECESSARY

The Church invites all Catholics to prepare themselves spiritually prior to their marriage by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Even if you are not of the Catholic faith, you still would benefit from spiritual direction from the priest or deacon who will be officiating at your wedding, or from another priest. The regular practice of the sacrament of reconciliation keeps marriages healthy and strong.

Step 5

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Step 6

Final Meeting with your Priest or Deacon

Communicate regularly with the priest or deacon who will be witnessing your wedding. Meet with him just prior to your marriage to ensure that everything is in order concerning your sacrament. Talk with your priest or deacon about getting involved in your parish community so that the Church can continue to support you throughout your married life.

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