



MARRIAGE FORMATION

For Catholic Couples Everywhere

Program Guide

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THEMARRIAGEGROUP.COM

AFFILIATIONS

The Marriage Group is a member of
the **Catholic Family Life Association**
& the **Catholic Media Association**.

Our courses are promoted by the
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
and the **Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**
and accepted by dioceses and parishes worldwide.

With **over 70,000 couples** served around the world,
The Marriage Group is the original online, on-demand
Catholic marriage prep course and the leading provider
of Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning courses since 2009.



256

Dioceses Represented
Worldwide



3794

Parishes Represented
Worldwide



97

Countries Represented

PRE-CANA: LIVING OUR FAITH IN LOVE™



Living Our Faith in Love™ is an 8-hour Catholic Marriage Preparation program that meets the Church's requirement for Pre-Cana.



HIS AND HERS DISCUSSION GUIDES

Downloadable guides compliment the video segments and help couples have healthy conversations throughout the course experience.



CAPTIONING IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Whether individuals are deaf, hard of hearing, or have English as a second language, our course is fully captioned in both languages to make it more accessible.



COMPLETE ACCESS FOR A FULL YEAR

Couples can take their time and have focused conversations about their relationship. They'll have access to the course for a full year, so they can revisit for a refresher on the topics of their choice.



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Couples will receive an official certificate of completion immediately after they complete the course. It's available to download, print, or email for their parish and personal records.

HOW YOU BENEFIT

OUR PROGRAMS HELP YOU DO MORE WITH LESS

WHY OUR PROGRAM IS IDEAL FOR YOUR MINISTRY

TECH SUPPORT

We handle all tech support for our courses. If a couple is having trouble registering, logging in, playing videos, or anything else, they can email or call us. We'll make sure their problem is solved!

SERVE MORE COUPLES

Our courses allow your parish or diocese to say YES to couples who are unable to attend live programs. Whether they are separated by distance, have chaotic schedules, are uncomfortable in group settings, or many other situations, say, **“YES! We have a solution for you!”**

WHAT DOES THIS COST YOUR DIOCESE OR PARISH?

Good news! With our courses, there is **no cost** to your diocese or parish.

HOW COUPLES BENEFIT



TIME FOR REFLECTION

The #1 response we get from couples who take our course is how it helped them communicate. Many couples need time and privacy to talk about faith, sex, money, and family issues. Our course lets them work at their own pace, have in-depth conversations, and move on when they're ready.

CHALLENGING SCHEDULES

Many couples are juggling crazy schedules. Work, school, personal commitments, and other factors can make it difficult — even impossible — to attend a traditional classroom-style event. This online Pre-Cana is available on-demand; it's flexible and ready when they are: anytime, anywhere.

SEPARATED BY DISTANCE

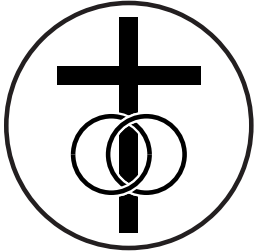
This program is delivered online, so couples can experience it from different countries and time zones. Couples often use Skype or other video chat platforms for face-to-face, live interaction as they work through the course. This is a great option for college students and military couples

LIMITED ALTERNATIVES

The Church commonly offers marriage prep classes, or Pre-Cana courses, as gathered events with many couples together at the same time and place. While these can be great experiences, couples may not find an available date that fits their needs.

INCLUDED PRE-CANA TOPICS

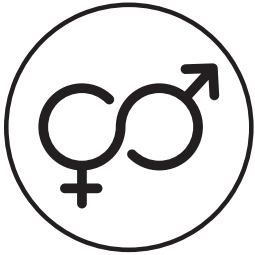
This Online Pre-Cana Course Covers All “Must-Have Conversations”
Outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY OF MARRIAGE

Presented by Claudio Mora

- God’s Plan
- Marriage as a Sacrament
- Marriage as a Vocation
- Marriage as a Covenant
- Incorporating Prayer Into Daily Married Life



THE BEAUTY OF SEXUALITY & INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE

Presented by Tom & Marcy Renken

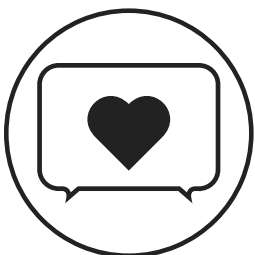
- The Sacrament of Marriage, Sex & Intimacy
- Nurturing Intimacy
- Romance & Dating
- Growing in Marital Intimacy



FAMILY OF ORIGIN

Presented by Dustin & Bethany Reichmann

- Forming the New Family
- Marriage & Commitment Within Your Family of Origin
- When Family Issues Directly Impact Your Marriage
- The Four Pillars of Marriage
- Traditions, Holidays, and Boundaries



BECOMING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

Presented by Andrew & Terri Lyke

- Gaining Skills for Healthy Communication
- The Three Qualities of Effective Communication
- The Role of Reconciliation
- Prayer & The Family Vocation

INCLUDED PRE-CANA TOPICS



FINANCES

Presented by Chris & Jessie Wiegand

- Spiritual Principles of Money Management
- Learning How to Talk About Money
- How to Resolve the Top Money Fights
- Practical Tips & Organization



NFP LIFE® — *Also available as a standalone NFP Course!*

Presented by Kyle & Dr. Danielle Koestner, DO | Daria Bailey, BA, CFCP | Natalie Klinkhammer, BSN, RN, CFCP | with Foreword & Concluding Thoughts by Jessie Wiegand

- What is Natural Family Planning?
- Benefits of Natural Family Planning
- What to Expect & The Next Steps
- An Overview of the Research, the Data, and the Methods
- Who can Use NFP and When to Start Charting
- The Artificial Contraception Dilemma
- Understanding Biomarkers
- Tracking Biomarkers
- Charting Biomarkers



THE MISSION & PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

Presented by Andrew & Terri Lyke

- Identifying Values & Priorities
- Primacy - Putting Your Marriage First
- Purpose - Your Marriage Mission

For more about these topics and to meet our presenters:

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Self-Led Experience

- 1 Parish leader directs engaged couples to register at TheMarriageGroup.com
- 2 Couples register and take Living Our Faith in Love™ at their own pace
The Marriage Group handles ALL tech support!
- 3 Couples complete all required course elements: videos, quizzes, discussion guide questions — and earn their official certificate
- 4 Couples print or email certificate for parish

IT'S THAT EASY!

Your engaged couples have received solid, foundational preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.



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Core Formation Experience

- 1 Couples are led by their priest, deacon, marriage ministry leader, or mentor couple
- 2 Couples register and take Living Our Faith in Love™ at the pace set by their leader
- 3 Leaders create the experience they want by adding additional elements to the formation experience



TheMarriageGroup.com/Resources



LEADER'S GUIDE & COUPLE RECORDS



BULK VOUCHER CODES

CATÓLICA MATRIMONIAL PREPARACIÓN



Introducing a complete Pre-Cana course for Spanish-speaking couples!

**PERFECT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES
& COUPLES SEEKING CONVALIDATION**

Modern Platform · Includes Intro to Natural Family Planning · Certificate of Completion
8 Hours to Complete · Approachable, Relevant Content · Course Delivered in Spanish

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TESTIMONIALS

Why Ministry Leaders Trust Us

FR. ERIC HARRIS

Saint Raphael Parish, Bay Village, Diocese of Cleveland

“The Marriage Group provides excellent resources for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. In particular, *Living Our Faith in Love* provides the couple with **quality content that facilitates deeper conversations** among the couples and with the preparing minister.

It was clear to me that the **couples who participated in the *Living Our Faith in Love* program were deeply affected by the content**. So too, they very openly/warmly shared with me how grateful they were to be given the opportunity to reflect on their relationship and reflect on what God desires for their marriage.”

Why Couples Love Us

HELEN & PATRICK

Maine

“**10/10** - this Pre-Cana course was amazing! It gave us the **flexibility** to complete sessions at night after work, at our own pace. We also felt very **comfortable having deep conversations** as we did not have anyone else around while completing this program. This gave us the **ability to speak unfiltered.**”

KATHLEEN & BRANDON

West Virginia

“We both felt we were able to **find our strengths and weaknesses before going into our marriage because of this course**. It helped to point out, but also educate, on incredibly important pillars for marriage that **I did not even know as a cradle Catholic**. The guides truly helped us to work through the topics individually and together, so it was more of an active learning experience instead of passively listening to the videos.”

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

We serve ministry leaders at parishes and dioceses all over the world. Connect with our team to get your questions answered, and don't forget to ask for a personalized demo of our courses!



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