

# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Marriage Preparation program is intended to be one of the most meaningful learning opportunities of your relationship, prior to entering the vocation of married life through the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The Church cares so much about Marriage, and the spouses themselves, that Church Law (Canon 1063) requires a priest to ensure that a couple is adequately prepared for marriage **before** he officiates at their wedding. In 1976 the Archdiocese of Vancouver began the forerunner to the current program to assist both priests and engaged couples in this process.

To make this one of the most meaningful experiences of your relationship, we want to provide you information that you can use and ideas that you can explore in the session and privately afterward. We want you to know and understand what you are doing and with whom you are planning to share the rest of your life. Only you can answer the deeply personal questions that must be satisfied: Why do I want to marry? Why do I want to marry this person? Why do I want to marry now? Why do we want to marry in the Church?

Priests, experts, and married couples, through shared insights, stories and materials provided, will present questions that only the two of you together can answer.

Sessions are informal. Open questions and some time for private discussion may occur during presentations. It is expected that between sessions you will privately discuss topics and matters raised. Specifically confidential matters remain between you and your priest.

Love calls you together and to be open. True openness will strengthen your love and also your faith in God and in each other.

## Registration

1. You should meet with your priest prior to the course to obtain a signed registration form.
2. Bring that form with the fee, \$200/couple (cash or cheque payable to "Sacred Heart Cathedral") to your first session. (If you cannot bring the signed form to the first session, come anyway and bring it later).

**Engaged Encounter Option:** Alternatively, an Engaged Encounter weekend program may meet your particular needs, as determined with your priest. Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a weekend marriage preparation program that provides couples with private time to work on deepening and exploring their relationship before their wedding day. The weekend program is presented by two married couples and a priest who share life experiences that help couples explore their commitment to each other and importance of their sacrament in the church.

## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION REGISTRATION FORM

The course fee per couple for our Marriage Preparation is \$200.00. Cheques may be made payable to Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Your wedding date: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiating priest: \_\_\_\_\_

### Bride's Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Religion/Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age \_\_\_\_\_

Previously married? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ or in  
previous long-term relationship? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you have children? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Grooms Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Tel \_\_\_\_\_

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