

The-Heart-of-the-Matter
A Marriage Preparation Program
for modern couples getting married in the Catholic Church

This marriage course prepares the couple for marriage in the Catholic Church. By that it is meant:

- Gaining Understanding of the Theology of Marriage
 - Difference between Natural-Civil-Sacramental marriage
 - Human aspects of relationships (Physical-emotional-psychological-spiritual-intellectual)
 - The meaning of the human person being body and soul and made in the image of God.
 - What is Eucharistic Love?
- Why is God Part of the Marriage Relationship?
 - Does it really make a difference for me, my spouse and or our marriage if I/we believe or not?
 - Why the Church is involved and understanding of the sacramental life of the Church.
- Theology of the Body
 - What does the human experience teach us about relationships/marriage today?
 - How and why your relationship with Christ and the Church will affect your relationship.
- What difference does it make whether we are Catholic or not?
 - The meaning and truth of family and its role in a healthy society.
 - The meaning and truth about living out the Universal Call to Holiness as baptized Catholics.

Within the course emphasis is laid on the importance of prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and the importance of an active attendance of the Mass. Questions concerning couples communication and relationship are expected to be completed by the couples at home. The topic of finances is briefly reviewed as is the liturgy.

The main focus of this course is to understand that a holy and successful marriage is dependent on the right understanding of your relationship with God, His Church and each other. *“For you this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” Matthew 19:26*

Set Up:

Course consists of four sessions. There are three options:

1. Individual meetings in Charlottetown at Catholic Center (\$200 per couple)
2. Short course group possibility at local parish with two couples (\$185 per couple)
3. Short course group possibility at joint parish with three or more couples. (\$175 per couple)
4. Day-long session at request of priest. (Individual arrangement)

Option one is to be recommended as it is the most rewarding and can deal with the individual needs. Options two and three are with priest's permission only and aimed at mature couples.

Payment is to be made at the first session or in advance if a group session is booked. (Cheque, cash or e-transfer- to my email account patricia@wiedemer.info password: marriageprep)

The parish is asked to provide a projector and a room suitable for this kind of meeting.

Times:

Option 1: Individual couples are asked to find times to meet between 9am and 6pm at the Catholic Centre, 330 North River Road, Charlottetown, PEI; Mondays through Fridays. Generally the course should take 4-6 weeks to complete. Each session is about 2 hours.

Option 2 and 3: Short group sessions can be booked by the priests/parish for evenings and weekends in advance throughout the summer months. These are four hours plus a break in length.

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The above conditions are in effect until superseded by a new program.

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