

Diocese of Trenton Marriage Ministry Formation Series



WORKSHOPS



Core Team Training – “How to Start Marriage Ministry in Your Parish”

Description: This workshop provides the practical steps for building comprehensive, intentional marriage ministry in every parish so that parishes may assist youth and young adults in the gradual process of vocational discernment, prepare engaged couples for Catholic marriage and support married couples through every stage of marriage and family life.

Relational Skills Training for Marriage Minister

Description: This workshop offers an overview of the key relational skills needed for those who help prepare engaged couples for Catholic marriage, and those who accompany married couples throughout the stages of married life. Topics include active listening, levels of marital communication, process of forgiveness and reconciliation, accompanying prayer, and cultivating virtues.

Presentation Skills Training for Marriage Ministers

Description: An introduction, overview and skills training workshop with tips and techniques on how to engage an audience and work a room, how to write and deliver a powerful witness talk, small-group facilitation skills, using power point effectively, all based on the most effective adult learning principles.

Understanding Sacramental Marriage (a catechesis on marriage for Marriage Ministers)

Description: This workshop deals with the fundamental question – what is Catholic Marriage? The goal is to give participants a solid foundation in the beauty and uniqueness of Catholic marriage so they are equipped to evangelize and in minister to engaged and married couples through all stages of family life. Topics include the origin and history of Christian marriage, what makes marriage a sacrament, what constitutes a true marriage, the development of Sacramental Marriage Theology in the Post –Vatican II era, the latest insights and pastoral approaches from the Synod on the Family and the new Order of Celebrating Matrimony.

**These Workshops will be offered for Diocese of Trenton Cohorts and for
Parish Marriage Ministry Teams**

Workshop Dates and Locations to be Determined

To offer these workshops in your parish, call Peg Hensler at 609-403-7156; phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org

Sponsored by the Department of Evangelization and Family Life

