Congratulations on your engagement!

This time of preparing for marriage with your spouse-to-be is uniquely precious. The Church rejoices with you, and desires to accompany you on this journey to help you make the most of this time. Your marriage is a gift to the whole Church, and we value the love that you share. We pray that the Lord blesses your love as a couple so that it can become a visible reflection of God’s love!

Marriage is a path of joy when it is lived authentically according to God’s plan. Because the gift of marriage is designed by Him, we honor both you and His design by helping you understand and live it well.

Marriage is not an accessory to the love you have now, and it is more than a lifestyle change. It is the adventure of allowing your love over time to reflect Christ’s sacrificial love for His Church.

Are you ready?

RESOURCES

Diocesan Pre-Cana
www.columbuscatholic.org/marriage-prep-action

Natural Family Planning
www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning

Engaged Encounter
www.engaged.org

Witness to Love
www.witnesstolove.org

Wedding Readings
www.foryourmarriage.org/readings

Christian Counseling
www.catholictherapists.com/find-a-therapist

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Meet with Your Priest or Deacon
This should be done as soon as possible, as the priest or deacon will guide you throughout your engagement. The clery member will determine your freedom to marry and explain the marriage preparation process. Then your wedding date can be set!

Pre-Marital Inventory (PMI)
A PMI is a set of questions designed to help you and your future spouse learn more about yourselves and your unique relationship. This is a great opportunity to discuss various topics and build a strong foundation for your life together.

Formation Event
The formation event is a chance to reflect on the meaning of marriage with your spouse-to-be. Take advantage of this time to be inspired by married couples and learn about the habits that make a great marriage.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)
NFP teaches couples to recognize the signs of a woman’s fertile window, allowing them to make prudent decisions about family planning without violating God’s design or disrupting a woman’s biology. There are several highly effective, researched methods to choose from, available to learn either in person or online.

Ongoing Growth
As you prepare for the Sacrament in which you give yourselves to each other, invest in your spiritual growth. The grace and strength you receive from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and from the Eucharist are the best preparation you can receive for your marriage! You can also take part in spiritual reading or prayer together. God is the source of all love, and desires to share it with you.

Planning Your Liturgy
Your priest or deacon will work with you on planning your wedding liturgy, including the readings, songs, and gift-bearers, etc.

Wedding Day
Try to relax and soak up the memories of this day to carry with you throughout the rest of your life. Ask God to bless your love through the journey of your life.

FOR A LIFETIME.

Living the Sacrament
As you leave the altar as husband and wife, you are just beginning the love of a lifetime. The grace of the Sacrament of Marriage is not given in a moment; rather, it is available your whole lives. Don’t forget to invest in this gift, ask for God’s help, and to seek out the support you need. Your marriage is a blessing to your family and the world!

“The gift of Jesus Christ is not exhausted in the actual celebration of the sacrament of marriage, but rather accompanies the married couple throughout their lives.”
-Familiaris Consortio, 56

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