



WITNESS TO LOVE

AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO MARRIAGE FORMATION

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HOW DOES WITNESS TO LOVE WORK?

Witness to Love is a virtues-based, "catechumenate" model of marriage renewal and preparation. In this process, the engaged couple receives:

- A long-lasting relationship of trust with an inspiring couple, who also connects them to the sacramental life of the Church.
- Formation in habits for a virtuous marriage guided by a book and online videos
- A Natural Family Planning course
- A video presentation on the theology of marriage by Dr. Perry Cahall, followed by a discussion among the engaged couple, mentor couple, and the priest or deacon

WHAT IS THE INVESTMENT?

The Witness to Love materials for the engaged couple and their mentors cost \$75, and the couples can expect the process to take 3-6 months. Clergy are responsible for a discussion on the theology of marriage. The Marriage and Family Life Office would coordinate the process and connect the couple with mentors.

HOW DOES THE PROCESS LOOK?

- Send Catherine, the Marriage Prep Coordinator, the names and emails of an engaged couple.
- She will send you a "scavenger hunt" detailing the components of the process for the engaged couple. You will have the opportunity to customize this, and share your preference about a mentor couple. We have a portfolio of vetted mentor couples as options if needed.
- Catherine will coordinate the connection between the engaged couple and a mentor couple. Both couples will meet with her to go over the marriage prep process. Catherine will check in as needed to make sure the couple is able to complete the program before their wedding.
- After the couples watch the theology of marriage video, they will contact you to set up a time to meet to discuss the content together. This is truly the pinnacle of the whole Witness to Love process.
- Once the engaged couple completes the scavenger hunt, they will send the signed document to you, Catherine, and the mentor couple.
- Be sure the couple is invited into the life of the parish!

Email csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org to ask questions or get started!



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