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## Marriage Preparation Schedule 2019

Dates: January 11/12

March 1/2 April 12/13

September 13/14 October 18/19

**Time:** Friday 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm — Mass 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Location:** Corpus Christi Church

1400 Cabana Rd. West Windsor, Ontario N9G 1C4

**Fee:** \$175.00 per couple (includes

cost of workbook and lunch)

(\$25.00 non-refundable in case

of cancellation)

To benefit more fully from the Marriage Preparation program, it is best to participate as early as possible.

To register, please complete this registration form and mail it, together with a cheque or money order payable to Corpus Christi Church, 1400 Cabana Rd. West, Windsor, Ontario N9G 1C4.

A confirmation letter will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration and fee.

Please call 519-969-5292 for further information

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Corpus Christi Church 1400 Cabana Rd. West Windsor, Ontario N9G 1C4 519-969-5292 Email: cc@dol.ca "Today it is more necessary than ever to regain the sense of marriage as a covenant of love, by which a man and a woman publicly and permanently bind themselves to one another for their mutual fulfillment and the responsible service to life.

As such, it has been inscribed in God's plan from the very beginning.

We must rediscover the beauty of marriage lived according to God's plan, and we must work so that the value of this institution, which is fundamental and indispensable for human society, is reaffirmed in consciences, in culture and in the law itself."

— Pope John Paul II



## **Prayer for Engaged Couples**

Good and gracious God. As a man and woman in love, We share in your Divine love. Help us to treat each other with respect and not to take each other for granted. Help us to decide if we are meant to share our lives forever. Give us the wisdom to face ourselves and each other with honesty. When we must confront each other. let us speak the truth in love. Remind us that every moment together is precious. That our love is much more important than wedding details. Keep our sense of humour alive and well during the harried days of preparation. As we look forward to the life we will create together, may we have the strength to be true to each other in sickness and in health, in riches and in poverty, in sadness and in joy. May our love grow daily into a greater

mirror of your love for all.

Dear Friends in Christ.

As you know, you are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and serious, a union which was established by God Himself

... this union, then, is most serious, because it will bind you together in a relationship so close and so intimate, that it will profoundly influence your whole future.

... henceforth, you belong entirely to each other: You will be one in mind, one in heart, and one in affections.

"Exhortation Before Marriage: Rite of Marriage"

Marriage preparation courses are designed to nourish the love relationship you share as a couple. Commitment, Communication and Safe Conflict Resolution are three key attributes of couples with resilient and happy marriages.

This course covers a variety of topics including Sacrament of Marriage, effective communication, conflict resolution, Natural Family Planning, intimacy and sexuality in marriage, finances and family of origin. Much of the course time is spent with the two of you talking to each other. This is a chance to move away from the stress of the wedding plans and learn or freshen up the skills you will need for a happy marriage.

Couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course sponsored by a Catholic Church. Windsor-Essex offers a 2-day course which runs on a Friday night (6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) and all day Saturday (starting at 9:00 a.m. and closing with Mass at 5:00 p.m.). The cost per couple is \$175.00 which covers all workbooks, handouts, supplies, food, refreshments and a certificate upon completion.