

# Catholic Marriage Preparation

The Catholic Marriage Preparation weekend allows couples who have made a commitment to one another to spend some time together planning for their future with other like-minded couples. Through a series of ideas presented by a team of two Catholic married couples and a priest, the engaged couple is encouraged to discuss all aspects of married life. Throughout the weekend, couples will have the opportunity to share their personal reflections with each other and participate in group discussions on a variety of topics intended to explore the meaning of commitment through Catholic marriage.

## ***When should a couple attend?***

It is highly recommended that couples take part in a weekend as soon as they decide to marry, preferably 6 months prior to the wedding.

## ***Can only Catholic couples attend?***

Although the weekend is Catholic in orientation and presented by Catholic couples and priests, Catholics who were planning to marry a person of another faith have found the weekend to be an ideal way to prepare for their marriage.

## ***Where is the session held?***

Catholic Marriage Preparation sessions are held in the basement church hall of **St. Anthony's Parish**, which is located at **274 Fifth Avenue, Timmins**. For those travelling from outside of Timmins, the church is centrally located and easily accessible from Hwy. 101. Should you require assistance with directions, please call Dana or Brian Perreault at 705-267-3668.

## ***What do I need to bring to the session?***

This is a retreat-type weekend and we ask that you do not bring or consume any alcoholic beverages. Those couples not complying with this request will be asked to leave, forfeiting their registration and official completion.

We suggest that you plan to wear comfortable, casual clothing. Since most of the weekend will be spent sitting in chairs, please feel free to bring a cushion or backrest to ensure your comfort. The group of participating couples will be attending mass together on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to bring a change of clothes, please feel free, but note it is not mandatory that you dress up.

Throughout the weekend we will provide refreshments including coffee, tea, bottled water, & pop free of charge. Please feel free to bring your own coffee mug or water bottle. It has been customary to prepare a snack table furnished with an assortment of goodies that are supplied by the participants. We ask that you bring your favourite snack on Friday evening (fruit, veggies and dip, cookies, chips, etc.) to help stock the snack table. Lunch will be catered in for all attending couples on Saturday, and pizza will be provided in the afternoon.

## ***Registration Information***

Catholic Marriage Preparation is offered twice a year, with sessions typically scheduled between January

and April. Please contact your church for the exact dates of the session for this year.

Catholic Marriage Preparation requires a two-day commitment. The sessions begin promptly Friday evenings at 7:00pm and couples are asked to arrive by 6:45pm. The Friday session runs for approximately 3 hours. Couples will then return to the church on Saturday at 9:00am for a full day/evening session. The weekend preparation will end on Saturday evening at approximately 7:30 p.m. Couples **do not** overnight at the church and any lodging requirements are the responsibility of the couple. Please ensure that work and/or family commitments will not interfere with the session as full participation is required for official completion.

Couples interested in participating need to register in **one** of the three following methods:

1. By calling Brian or Dana Perreault at (705) 267-3668 to register.
2. By filling in the registration form and scanning and sending to [marriageprep@hotmail.com](mailto:marriageprep@hotmail.com)
3. By completing the registration form provided to you by your parish and mailing it to:

Brian and Dana Perreault  
1099 Park Avenue  
Timmins, ON  
P4R 1M3

\*\*\*\*Please make sure that your registration form is filled out **completely and legibly**.

Weekends cost \$100.00 per couple. Full payment is required to guarantee registration. Registration fees may be paid in cash, through a certified money order/bank draft made payable to **Catholic Marriage Preparation**, or via e-mail money transfer. Personal cheques or credit card payments **will not** be accepted. Registration fees can be brought to 1099 Park Avenue, Timmins, ON. Please call 705-267-3668 to arrange for a time to drop off the payment. For e-mail money transfers, please send payment to [marriageprep@hotmail.com](mailto:marriageprep@hotmail.com). Alternatively, the payment can be mailed to:

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Please ensure that you complete a registration form prior to dropping off, emailing, or mailing the payment. Also ensure to include the full names of the couple on the envelope should you choose to mail the payment. Once a payment is received, a receipt will be issued to confirm payment and guarantee participation in the session.

Sessions are capped at 20 couples and participation is based on a "first-come" basis. The only way to guarantee your participation is to complete the registration form, by paper or phone, and provide the full payment.

A portion of the registration fee (\$20.00) is non-refundable. Should a couple decide to cancel their

registration, they will receive a refund of \$80 which will be mailed to the address provided on their form.

For any inquiries related to the registration process or questions regarding the weekend in general, please contact Dana or Brian Perreault at 705-267-3668 or via email at: [marriageprep@hotmail.com](mailto:marriageprep@hotmail.com).