

WHAT IS JOURNEY TO MATRIMONY & WHO IS IT FOR?

As the preferred marriage preparation of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Journey to Matrimony is based on the belief that successful marriages thrive on a strong Christian foundation. This couple-based, comprehensive overnight program is intended for those who wish to deepen and enrich their relationship, desire a richer, fuller life together, and are entering marriage for the first time. Various presentation styles are used which may include married couple witness talks, DVD's, use of a marriage & family therapist or licensed mental health counselor.

DATES, TIMES & LOCATION

In keeping with diocesan guidelines, couples are encouraged to attend this program at least 3 months prior to their wedding

2018 Schedule

February	9 - 10	Deadline 1/25/18
March	9 - 10	Deadline 2/22/18
April	27 - 28	Deadline 4/12/18
June	1 - 2	Deadline 5/17/18
July	27 - 28	Deadline 7/12/18
September	21 - 22	Deadline 9/6/18
November	2 - 3	Deadline 10/18/18

*Check-in begins Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner is served at 6:30
We will conclude Saturday evening
no later than 8:30 p.m.*

Journey to Matrimony is held at Bethany Center in Lutz. The address and pertinent information about the program will be included in the confirmation letter that's sent as an attachment to each email listed on the registration form. The staff at Bethany Center is unable to answer any questions you may have about the program or the marriage preparation process.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ◆ If registration is received prior to the deadline the cost is **\$235.00 per couple**. A **non-refundable** deposit of **\$150.00** is due at time of registration with the remaining balance of \$85 due at check-in. Registrations submitted after the deadline may be possible but a late fee of **\$75.00** will apply. The full amount can be paid at time of registration for those who wish. Registration fee covers meals, overnight accommodations, and all program costs/materials.
- ◆ Complete the included form and submit with check or money order by **mail or in person** to the Office of Marriage & Family Ministries. Credit cards are not accepted. Since cash should never be mailed, either hand-deliver or obtain and mail a money order.
- ◆ Because we must adhere to our religious beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church, couples are not permitted to stay together and will be assigned a same-sex roommate. Due to space limitations, single accommodations are not offered.
- ◆ No couple is denied attending due to lack of funds. Those with financial difficulties should contact us for further instruction.
- ◆ Registrations are processed in the order received. **Written confirmation will be sent via Email** to each address provided. In the absence of Email, notification will be mailed to the bride's attention.
- ◆ If you don't hear from us within **2 weeks** of submitting your paperwork, please contact our office.
- ◆ Since meals and accommodations are paid in advance, postponement without penalty **MAY** be possible with notice of **14 or more** days prior to your scheduled arrival. Those who postpone with less notice must resubmit the deposit to reschedule.

A HELPFUL SUGGESTION...

Couples often call to check availability before submitting paperwork. Since registrations are processed in the order received, in cases where space is limited this can be the difference between getting confirmed or not. Payment isn't processed unless we're 100% certain we can accommodate you so there's no risk of losing any money. However, once confirmed all penalties apply.

Journey to Matrimony 2018

*A Comprehensive
Preparation Program
For First Marriages*

*Marriages that last a lifetime
demand love, loyalty,
forgiveness, and God's grace!*

A Wedding is a Day...



A Marriage is Lifetime!

*Office of Marriage & Family Ministries
Diocese of St. Petersburg*

OTHER DETAILS

- ◆ This experience requires couples to stay at the facility.
- ◆ Dress is casual and comfortable.
- ◆ A Certificate of Completion will be presented to each couple at the conclusion of the program.
- ◆ In order to receive a certificate, you must be present for the entire program. Since earlier departures are not possible, before submitting your registration please make sure your schedules are free of other commitments. We will end no later than 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.
- ◆ This program meets or exceeds the requirements of the Common Guidelines set forth by all Dioceses in Florida as well as Florida Statute 741.0305.
- ◆ **NOTE:** If either of you were previously married, before submitting your registration please contact the priest or deacon you're working with to see if the **Remarriage** program might be a more suitable option for completing this phase of your sacramental preparation.

WHO DO WE CONTACT FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE?

Questions should be directed to:
Office Marriage & Family Ministries
Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To ensure a faster response,
Email is the best way to contact us!

Email: *deb@dosp.org*
Phone: 727 – 341 – 6847

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Hand delivered registrations can be brought to:
Bishop Larkin Pastoral Center
6363 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg 33710

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete, detach and submit form with your non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 made payable to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Registrations should be mailed to: Journey to Matrimony, Office of Marriage & Family Ministries, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 – 0200

PLEASE...PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Bride's Information:

Please indicate how you would like your name to appear on the following two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____
 Parish you attend _____ City _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Dietary Needs (Allergies/Vegetarian Only) _____

Groom's Information:

Please indicate how you would like your name to appear on the following two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____
 Parish you attend _____ City _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Dietary Needs (Allergies/Vegetarian Only) _____

General Information:

Priest/Deacon assisting you with marriage preparation _____
 At which parish _____ City _____ State _____
 Church of Wedding _____
 Priest /Deacon doing the wedding _____
 Wedding Date _____
 Have either of you been previously married? Yes No
 Seminar Date Requested 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

OFFICE USE	
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