

Session Information

Session 1 - Communication

This workshop will identify obstacles to and enhancers of effective communication in the marital relationship. The two areas that will be highlighted are: communication towards problem solving and communicating towards affirming a loving relationship. Specific topics will include the following: defining "normalcy" of conflicts; identifying styles of communication that go toward compatibility and incompatibility; practical pathways to effective problem solving; identifying the basic love languages; and understanding the functional effects of the "brain" in the experience of the "self" as couples communicate with each other.

Session 2 - Family of Origins

Discover ways in which your marriage commitment is influenced by experiences you had growing up in your family; identify how your relationship with parents and siblings play a role in the way you establish and maintain attachments. Become aware of the impact former relationship problems can have on your marriage. Learn from the past...and let the past work for you. As you strive to identify as a married couple, you will have a better understanding and appreciation of how relationships and experiences from the past can contribute to the present by enhancing your marriage.

Session 3 – The Many Moods of Marriage

Marital researchers estimate the rate of divorce for first marriages to be between 50-67% (Martin & Bumpass, 1989), and even 10% higher for second marriages (Glick, 1994). Navigating through the "many moods of marriage" becomes a major challenge facing any new couple. This session will help you avoid pitfalls that lead many couples to divorce. Learn how to divorce-proof, strengthen and enrich your marriage. This session will also cover the sacramental component of marriage.

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Session 4 - Blended Families

There are many tasks needed for a successful integration and blending of two families into one. This workshop will cover issues that include: overcoming loyalty issues, co-parenting, myths, and legends about step-parents, discipline strategies, and starting and establishing rituals and traditions as a new family unit. The Brady Bunch is only a TV show -- the real thing takes a lot of planning, understanding and hard work.

2019 Schedule & Registration Deadlines

\$25.00 late fee applies to registrations after deadline

Session 1

January	12	Deadline 12/28/18
June	8	Deadline 5/24/19
September	14	Deadline 8/30/19

Session 2

January	26	Deadline 1/11/19
June	22	Deadline 6/7/19
September	28	Deadline 9/13/19

Session 3

February	9	Deadline 1/25/19
July	13	Deadline 6/28/19
October	12	Deadline 9/27/19

Session 4

March	2	Deadline 2/15/19
August	3	Deadline 7/19/19
October	26	Deadline 9/11/19

Program Requirements

- ◆ In order to receive a Certificate of Completion, **all couples** are required to attend Sessions 1, 2 & 3.
- ◆ Those with **minor/dependent children** from a previous relationship **are also required to attend Session 4.**
- ◆ Sessions do not need to be taken in consecutive order.

Remarriage

2019

Preparation For
Those Previously
Married



Office of Marriage & Family Life
Diocese of St. Petersburg

What Is The Cost?

The per-couple prices listed below are providing the registration is received **prior to the deadline**. **Otherwise a \$25.00 late fee applies.**

\$120.00 - 4 sessions (if required)

\$100.00 - 3 sessions

Registration Details

- ◆ Complete the included form and mail with the **non-refundable** payment of \$120.00 or \$100.00 to the address on the registration form. **Cash payment** must be hand delivered to: Bishop Larkin Pastoral Center * 6363 Ninth Avenue North * St. Petersburg 33710. **Credit cards** are not accepted.
- ◆ Registrations are processed in the order received and subject to availability at that time.
- ◆ E-mail confirmation is sent to each address provided. In the absence of E-mail, written notification is sent to the bride's home address.
- ◆ If you don't have confirmation within **2 weeks** of mailing your registration, contact us at: **deb@dosp.org** or call 727 - 341 - 6847. Before doing so check your **junk mail folder**.
- ◆ You can postpone without penalty providing notice is received a minimum of **14 days prior to each session**. Otherwise, a **\$25.00 reschedule fee applies**.

A Helpful Suggestion. . .

Couples often contact us to check availability. While this seems like a good idea, the time spent doing so is time that the registration could have been on its way to our office. In cases where space is limited, this can be the difference between being confirmed or not. Payment isn't processed unless we're 100% sure we can accommodate you. Once confirmed all penalties and fees apply as indicated in this brochure and the confirmation letter you will receive.

About The Conference

- ◆ Sessions are held at Bethany Center in Lutz. The address will be included in the confirmation letter you will receive.
- ◆ Each session begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at Noon. Continental breakfast is available starting at 8:30.
- ◆ Dress casual and comfortable.
- ◆ Each session is presented by a Marriage & Family Therapist.
- ◆ The program meets or exceeds the requirements of the Common Guidelines set forth by all Dioceses within Florida as well as Florida Statute 741.0305.
- ◆ Both the bride and groom must attend each session together.
- ◆ Those who attend as required will receive a Certificate of Completion at the conclusion of the final session.
- ◆ Regardless of age and/or circumstances, we are unable to accommodate children. Please make arrangements for their care as well as the care of your pets while you are with us.

Please Note...

Since Bethany Center serves only as the host facility, their staff is unable to answer questions about this program or the marriage preparation process.

*All contact should be with:
Office of Marriage & Family Life*

**E-Mail: deb@dosp.org
Phone: 727 - 341 - 6847**

8:30 to 5:00 - Mon. thru Fri.

To ensure a more prompt response, E-mail is the best way to contact us as we have access to this should we be out of the office.

Detach & submit with non-refundable payment of \$120/\$100 made payable to: Diocese of St. Petersburg and mail to: Remarriage Conference, Marriage & Family Life, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 - 0200

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: Certificate to read: Bride: _____ Groom: _____

Bride's Name Tag: _____ Groom's Name Tag: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Home #: _____ Work #: _____

Religion: _____ Age: _____ Religion: _____ Age: _____

Church Attending: _____ Church Attending: _____

City/State: _____ City/State: _____

Wedding Date: _____ Church of Wedding: _____

Priest/Deacon you are working with: _____ Address: _____

City/State: _____ City/State: _____

Dates: Communication _____ Family of Origins _____ Many Moods: _____ Blended Families _____

Marital Status: **BRIDE** Separated Divorced Widowed Single

GROOM Separated Divorced Widowed Single

Bride's E-Mail: _____

Groom's E-Mail: _____

OFFICE USE

Amount: _____ No. _____

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