

What Is Journey To Matrimony

Journey to Matrimony is the preferred preparation program of the Diocese of St. Petersburg and is intended for those entering marriage for the first time. It is based on the belief that successful marriages thrive when built on a strong, firm foundation. This couple-based, comprehensive program is for couples who wish to enrich their relationship as they look toward the Sacrament of Marriage and spending a lifetime together. Topics are presented using various methods which include a combination of the program facilitator, marriage & family therapist or licensed mental health counselor, married couple(s), and/or DVD's.

2021 Schedule & Registration Deadlines

To increase the chances of getting your preferred date, register well in advance. Try to avoid signing up for the program the month of or the month before your wedding. That way, if something unforeseen arises that prevents you from attending, there is still time to complete this part of the preparation process. Please consider attending Journey to Matrimony **3 to 6 months** before your wedding.

Registrations submitted after the deadline are subject to a late fee of \$80

February	27 th	Deadline 2/4/21
March	13 th	Deadline 2/18/21
March	20 th	Deadline 2/25/21
April	17 th	Deadline 3/25/21
April	24 th	Deadline 4/1/21
June	5 th	Deadline 5/13/21
June	19 th	Deadline 5/27/21
July	17 th	Deadline 6/24/21
September	25 th	Deadline 9/2/21
November	6 th	Deadline 10/14/21

The program is held at Bethany Center in Lutz. Details will be included in your confirmation letter. Since they serve only as the host facility, the staff is unable to answer questions about this program or the marriage preparation process. If you have questions, please contact deb@dosp.org

Registration Details

- ♦ **COST PER COUPLE: \$165.00 prior to deadline** - \$245 **after** deadline. Payment is due at time of registration.
- ♦ Meals and all program materials/costs are included. Most **medically necessary** dietary requests can be met with **notice of 3 or more weeks**.
- ♦ **SIGN UP ONLINE OR BY MAIL**
Register **online** by going to our web site at: www.dosp.org/marriage-and-family/
Scroll down to **Marriage Preparation** and click on **Journey to Matrimony**. Complete the form and payment information as requested prior to the deadline.

To register by **mail**: complete the included form and submit with **check or money order**. Instructions are on top of the form. **Cash** payment must be hand delivered to our office in St. Petersburg.

- ♦ Registrations are processed in the order receive and always subject to availability at that time.
- ♦ No couple is denied attending due to lack of funds. Those with financial difficulties should contact deb@dosp.org for further assistance.
- ♦ Be mindful that you **are not** registered until written confirmation is received. This will be sent via e-mail to each provided address. Please contact us if you haven't gotten this within **2 weeks** of registration.
- ♦ You can postpone without penalty providing notice is received a minimum of **21 days** prior to the originally confirmed date. Otherwise a **\$120.00 rescheduling** fee applies. This same fee applies to no-shows that need to reschedule as well as total cancellations.

A Helpful Suggestion. . .

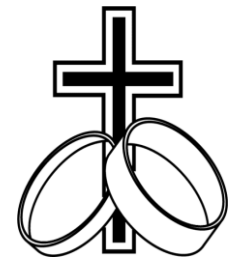
Rather than contacting us to check availability, it's better to submit the registration form & payment. While we try to respond promptly, the time spent waiting for a reply could be the difference between being confirmed or not, especially in cases where space is limited. Understandably, penalties will not be imposed to those we are unable to accommodate. Once confirmed, all penalties apply as outlined in this brochure and the confirmation letter you will receive.

Journey to Matrimony 2021

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 Life
Diocese of St. Petersburg*

Additional Information

Congratulations on your decision to marry! It is our pleasure to accompany you on this journey toward the Sacrament of Marriage.

- ◆ Since this is a couple-based experience, the bride and groom must attend together. Please contact us if this is not possible.
- ◆ A certificate of completion is presented to each couple at the end of Journey to Matrimony providing the bride and groom were both present for the entire program.
- ◆ Please make sure your schedules are free of other commitments before submitting your registration.
- ◆ This is an extended Saturday program beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending no later than 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ If either of you were previously married, regardless of length of time or circumstances, we recommend the **Remarriage Program**. Before signing up for Journey to Matrimony, ask the priest or deacon assisting with your preparation if this might be a more suitable option.
- ◆ **If you have children:** In keeping with Safe Environment Guidelines for the diocese, and with everyone's safety and best interest in mind, we are unable to accommodate children. Regardless of age or circumstances, please make arrangements for their care while you're with us. Also...remember to arrange care for your pet(s) as well.
- ◆ This program meets and exceeds the requirements of the Common Guidelines set forth by all Dioceses in Florida as well as Florida Statute 741.0305.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Office of Marriage & Family Life

Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Email: deb@dosp.org

Phone: 727 – 341 – 6847

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 by deadline with payment of \$165 per couple made payable to Diocese of St. Petersburg. Mail to: Journey to Matrimony, Office of Marriage & Family Life, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 – 0200.

PLEASE...PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Bride's Information:

How do you want your name to appear on the below two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____

Parish you attend _____ City _____ State _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from climbing stairs _____ Yes _____ No _____

List any medically necessary dietary restrictions _____

Groom's Information:

How do you want your name to appear on the below two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____

Parish you attend _____ City _____ State _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from climbing stairs _____ Yes _____ No _____

List any medically necessary dietary restrictions _____

General Information:

Priest/Deacon assisting with your marriage preparation _____

At which parish _____

Church of Wedding _____ City _____ State _____

Priest /Deacon doing the wedding _____

Wedding Date _____

Have either of you been previously married? Yes No

Program Date Requested 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

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