

## Where Is The Program Held?

The program is held at Bethany Center in Lutz. Details will be included in the confirmation letter you will receive. Since they serve only as the host facility, their staff is unable to answer questions about Journey to Matrimony or the marriage preparation process. If you need assistance, contact [deb@dosp.org](mailto:deb@dosp.org)

## How Do We Sign Up?

Apply online by going to:

<https://www.dosp.org/jtm-application/>

After completing the form, you will be directed to an online payment page.

*Note* - to receive a certificate of completion, both the bride and groom must be present for the entire program. Please make sure your schedules are free of other commitments before you apply.

## How Do We Know That We're Confirmed?

Every attempt is made to confirm couples for their preferred date. Occasionally availability is such that we must confirm the second choice.

Upon processing the application, a confirmation letter will be sent as an attachment to each email address provided. This will:

- ◆ acknowledge the date for which you are registered
- ◆ give details about where program is held
- ◆ provide other pertinent information

Couples are considered confirmed once their paperwork is processed. All penalties go into effect at that time.

If you don't hear from us within **2 weeks** of submitting your application, please contact [deb@dosp.org](mailto:deb@dosp.org) but first...check your junk mail folder.

## What Are The Penalties?

Regardless of circumstances, a **\$120 penalty** applies to those who no-show and need to reschedule, or those who cancel completely. Postponement without penalty is usually possible as long as notice is received a **minimum of 21 days prior to the date of the originally scheduled program.**

### Additional Information

- ◆ A certificate of completion is presented to each couple at the conclusion of Journey to Matrimony providing the bride and groom were both present for the entire program.
- ◆ Because this is a couple-based experience, we are unable to accommodate individuals. If you are unable to attend together, please contact [deb@dosp.org](mailto:deb@dosp.org)
- ◆ If either of you were previously married, no matter the length or circumstances we recommend attending the Remarriage Program. Please contact the priest or deacon assisting with your preparation to see if this is a more suitable option.
- ◆ **Should you have children**, regardless of age or circumstances, we are unable to accommodate them during the program. Please make alternate arrangements for their care while you're with us. Also...don't forget to arrange care for your pet(s) as well.

*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](mailto:deb@dosp.org)*

*Phone: 727 - 341 - 6847*

# Journey to Matrimony 2022

*A One-Day 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*

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

This comprehensive one-day preparation program is intended for engaged couples where both the bride and groom are entering marriage for the first time. It is based on the belief that successful marriages thrive when they are built on a strong, firm foundation. Our hope is that this experience will enrich a couple's 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.

### *When Should We Attend?*

*Here are a few things to consider. . .*

- be mindful that each program date has an application deadline
- availability can change on a daily basis
- avoid signing up for the program either the month of or month prior to your wedding. That way if something unforeseen arises that keeps you from attending, there will still be time to complete this phase of the marriage preparation process

*With this in mind. . .*

- we suggest couples attend a minimum of **3 months prior to their wedding**
- to increase the chance of getting your preferred date, apply as far in advance as possible

### *2022 Schedule*

*Regardless of when couples apply, being confirmed depends on the space situation at the time paperwork is processed.*

*Those who submit an application after the deadline are subject to an **\$80 late fee.***

### *Dates & Application Deadlines*

February	5 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 1/18/22
March	12 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 2/22/22
April	9 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 3/21/22
May	14 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 4/25/22
June	18 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 5/31/22
July	16 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 6/27/22
August	6 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 7/18/22
September	17 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 8/29/22
October	8 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 9/19/22
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline 10/17/22

### *A Helpful Suggestion. . .*

Rather than checking availability, it's better to submit the application and payment. The time spent waiting for a reply can be the difference between getting confirmed or not, especially if space is limited.

Understandably, penalties are not imposed to those we can't accommodate. Once paperwork is processed, all penalties apply as outlined in this brochure/confirmation letter.

### *Application Details*

#### *How Much Does It Cost?*

**Prior** to the deadline - **\$165** per couple  
**\$245** after the deadline

Those with financial difficulties should contact **deb@dosp.org**

#### *What Is Include?*

All materials and program related costs, continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

#### *What About Dietary Needs/Restrictions?*

The facility can accommodate **most medically necessary dietary requests** with advance notice of **3 or more weeks** prior to the date of the program. The application provides a place where these needs can be indicated.

#### **Please note we cannot accommodate:**

- ▲ dietary requests when applications are received after the deadline
- ▲ dietary requests that are life-style choices\* as well as food likes and/or dislikes

\*Vegetarians should find adequate options as each lunch and dinner usually include salad, vegetable, starch, bread/roll and dessert

#### *What Are The Times?*

Please take into consideration that the Catholic Church puts a lot of emphasis on sacramental preparation.

Journey to Matrimony is a comprehensive one-day program that begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends no later than 8:30 p.m.

We realize this is a long day but hope couples find this experience a good investment of their time as they look toward spending a lifetime together!