

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY

***Precious Blood Catholic Formation Center
Stephenson, Mi.***

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Sign in by 7:25 AM,

Concluding with Rite of Engagement and 4 PM Mass

To all area engaged couples and neighboring parishes:

We are again offering our Pre-Marriage Seminar, designed to provide the required pre-marital formation for a Catholic Wedding. We have been offering this formation for over 15 years. Our team of married couples will present the teachings. Some of us have worked together on this for most of these years.

This pre-marriage seminar/workshop day is offered twice each year, spring and fall. The Fall Seminar will be on Saturday, September 29. The next Spring Seminar will be scheduled for a Saturday in April 2008.

We have seven star objectives for this day.

1. To prepare hearts to validly receive the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony.
2. To help you understand marriage as sacrament and what that means.
3. To help you understand what you will promise before God and what God promises you.
4. To help you to know how to make use of the special grace of God available in the sacrament as you live out your married and family life.
5. To shed some light on our Creator's natural plan for sex, marriage, and family and how both Church and nature clearly agree on this.
6. To point out some modern economic, statistical and psychological findings seen in the light of the Holy Spirit, God's revelation and 2000 years of Catholic experience.
7. To pass on some practical advice based on our team's many years of lived experience in marriage and family

We ask parishes (or couples) to contribute \$25.00 per couple, if possible, to cover meals and expenses. There is no other cost.

Many couples come with happy expectations, having heard about us from friends who came ahead of them. Each new workshop gets a little bit better as we continue to grow under the eye of our pastor, Fr. Mathew Perumpally.

To pre-register, or for more information, please call Ruth or Howard Mondloch, 906-753-2599, or call our parish office at 906-753-2562. Early pre-registration is a great help to us, but late or on-site registrations will be welcomed.

Parishes are requested to announce this Pre-Marriage opportunity in their bulletin and post copies of this announcement in appropriate places.

Please keep this day in your prayer. We look forward to serving you.

In the Joy of Jesus,

Ruth and Howard Mondloch, Team Coordinators

P.S. If you know of already married couples who would like to be future team members, we would welcome hearing from or about them. Pastors and religious educators are always welcome to sit in on our day; better yet, to participate in our planning. We want to make this an area event.

More information is also available at www.sheepgate.com. Click under marriage.