26 Pre-Cana Conferences Slated at 7 Diocesan Sites

Twenty-six Pre-Cana Confer- Rochester, Auburn and Geneva. ences —a marriage preparation course for engaged couples are scheduled during the remainder of the year in seven communities of the diocese.

Five other conferences are under way or slated during

The four - part once - weekly conferences are sponsored by the diocesan Marriage and Family Apostolate — a department of the diocesan Office of Christian Formation. The program is a supplement to the instructions for engaged couples which the parish priest gives in accordance with requirements of church canon law.

Persons taking the course register at the opening session. A certificate is given those attending the full four-part sessions. A session missed may be made up in a subsequent course. The certificate is presented to the parish priest when arrangements are made for the wedding.

All conferences for the Rochester area currently are being the Marriage Apostolate office at 401 Orange St., Rochester

14611 (telephone 716/235-6658).

A series will be inaugurated Mar. 6 in Ithaca, and a four-Friday night course will begin Mar. 13 in Rochester.

Sunday courses in Rochester are scheduled at 3, 5:30 and 8 p.m. Participants may select any one of the hours on any of the Sundays.

(Courses for the remainder of the year are listed in an adioining box.)

While most young brides-tobe are most amenable to attend the conference, many young men still ask: "What's it all about? What are they going

Pre-Cana Conferences fill many needs of engaged couples. Their constant growth in numbers is witness to the fact that the couples do find the conferences a moving, vital experi-The priests, medical doctors

and parents who volunteer their time are most conscious of a grave obligation to assist young people in preparation for marconducted in St. Francis of As- riage. Knowledge, attitudes, valsisi Church Hall, 69 Whitney ues and motives are prime con-

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before he commits his money,

time and personnel.

The conferences consider the roles of man and woman, husband and wife, father and mother. They explore some of the obstacles to spiritual growth in marriage. One of the most controversial areas today are the challenges presented by the Holy Father's encyclical, "Humanae Vitae." Questions of family limitation, contraception and "the pill" are discussed in order to give a sound back-

ground for the judgments that

couples must make.

Questions of contraception, intercourse and human love always lead into the whole question of human sexuality. If couples are to lead fully adjusted and complete married lives, they must not have a naras merely physical. They are to begin to understand the intellectual, phychological and spir-

Many couples attending the conferences find the sessions wish that they could be lengthit on checks before registering tration. ened or continued. Too many

itual implications of the com-

mitment they are making.

(All sessions at St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 69 Whitney St.)

July 5, 12, 19, 26 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

March 13, 20, April 3, 10 April 17, 24, May 1, 8 May 15, 22, 29, June 5 Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4

St. Hyacinth School` 7 p.m. Holy Family School May 17, 24, 31, June 7

Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4 SS. Peter and Paul School Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29

Pre-Cana Sessions

(All sessions at St. Michael's School) April 5, 12, 19, 26

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(All sessions at St. Stephen's School) Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4

Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1

3 p.m.

8 p.m.

(All sessions at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall) May 17, 20, 24, 27 Nov. 29, Dec. 2, 6, 13

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(Sessions at St. Patrick's Hall) April 12, 19 — 3 p.m.

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(All sessions at Immaculate Conception School) June 5, 12, 19, 26 8 p.m.

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 8 p.m. Dec. 4, 11, 18, 20 8 p.m.

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