

Diocese Offers Family Programs

Preparation of engaged couples for marriage and development of programs to enrich family life are the responsibility of the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Rochester.

Their list of programs include:

Pre-Cana Conference.

A series of talks by priests, married couples and physicians with the purpose of preparing couples for marriage. In these talks engaged couples have an opportunity to examine their love for one another in the light of the reality of married life. The Office of Family Life, located at the Pastoral Office, 1150 Buffalo Rd., provides a variety of Cana Conference programs to fit the needs of individual parishes.

Couples Retreats

Held at Notre Dame Retreat House or the Cenacle Retreat House. The director helps parishes and groups plan specialized retreats or days of recollection for married couples.

Christian Family Movement

A national ecumenical movement of, by and for married couples and their families. Its couples meet bi-weekly in small action groups at each other's homes. Assisted by a guide book, they observe a problem from daily life. They judge whether the situation needs to be changed. They agree to act to bring the world closer to what Christ wants.

Marriage Encounter

A weekend where each participating couple is given the opportunity to renew their basic commitment to each other. The Encounter team, a priest and two married couples, encourages each husband and wife to question and evaluate their relationship with self, spouse, and God. Occasions for private dialogue between husband and wife let them discover for themselves the great beauty of their marriage. Encounters are held monthly at the Cenacle Retreat House. Further information is available from Marriage Encounter, Box 131, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

Mothers Circles

Groups of mothers meeting monthly to discuss, to learn to be better mothers. An agenda containing articles of interest to mothers of teenagers, youngsters and toddlers is supplied for each meeting. Groups are free to follow the agenda, work from a selected text or engage a speaker for their meeting. For information contact the Office of Family Life.

Judean Society

Exists to bring understanding and friendship to divorced and separated women.

GOLDEN AGE PARTY

The Southwest Golden Age Group will host an Eastertime party Friday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the Panel Room of 34 Monica Street.

ROSARY GUILD

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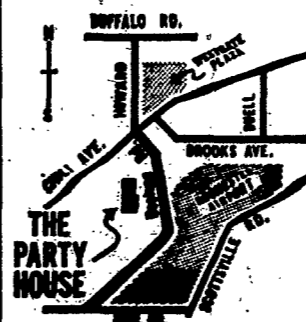
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