

# PRE-CANA SCHEDULE

**April**  
 5,7 — 8-10 p.m., St. Thomas Apostle  
 12,14,16 — 7:30-10:30 p.m., St. Margaret Mary  
 23,25,27,30 — 7:30-10 p.m., St. Lawrence

**MAY**  
 7,9,11,15 — 8-10 p.m., Christ the King  
 6 — 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., St. Ambrose  
 1,3,8,10 — 7:30-10p.m., Good Shepherd  
 20 — 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament

**June**  
 4 — 2-7 p.m., St. Pius X  
 18,20,22,25 — 7-9 p.m., Holy Cross

Engaged Encounter Weekend scheduled: June 3-5;  
 For information and reservations, call 254-8582.

### Outside Metropolitan Rochester

**Corning** — April 14,15 from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, 9-12 on Saturdays, St. Mary School Hall.

**Geneva** — April 7-9 from 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Stephen School. For reservations call (315) 789-1124

**Elmira** — April 23, June 11. For reservations call Mrs. Girardi (607) 733-4526.

**Auburn** — May 27 from 9-4 p.m. For reservations call Father Sirianni (315) 252-7271.

**Seneca Falls** — April 15 from 7:30-11 p.m. St. Patrick School. For reservations call (315) 568-9711

**Ithaca** — April 15, 40-5 p.m.; June 5-7 from 7:30-11 p.m., Immaculate Conception School. For reservations call (607) 273-6121.

**Owego** — Conferences by appointment throughout the year. For information and reservations call Mr. & Mrs. Eschler (607) 687-4163 or the rectory (607) 687-1068.

### Young Couples Pre-Marriage Counseling

For those under legal age of marriage. Sessions are held throughout the year. For information and reservations call:

Rochester: (716) 436-5450

Elmira: (607) 733-5696

Auburn: (315) 252 7271

### Conferencias Para La Comunidad Hispana Pre-Cana for the Spanish Community

For information and reservations: Mexican Sisters Convent 325-5247 or Spanish Apostolate, 328-3210. In Newark or Geneva call Sr. Maria Kobbos, (315) 789-0930.

## Christian Marriage Celebration

By JIM AND DONNA FITCH  
 Pre-Marriage Coordinators

The following is an outline of the Christian Marriage Celebration as it is observed in the Catholic Church.

1. Procession: altar boys, clergy, attendants, witnesses, bride with parents, groom with parents, or traditional procession.

2. Music: organ, folk — approval of the pastor should be obtained. Singing: congregational singing at procession offertory, communion, recession or choral singing at same times.

3. Prayer of the Day: choice of one out of four.

4. Scriptural Readings: Old Testament Reading (one

### Shower Ideas

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out of eight choices). New Testament Reading (one out of 10 choices). Gospel Reading (one out of 10 choices). The groom or bride, best man or maid of honor, or another layman or laywoman may read the Old and New Testament Readings.

5. Homily.

6. Rite of Marriage.

a.) Questioning of bride and groom by the priest:

b.) Vows exchanged by the bride and groom (preferably the bride and groom recite their vows rather than repeat them after the priest. The bride and groom may turn to face the congregation for the declaration of vows, if they wish). Bride and groom may formulate their own vows — with approval of priests.

c.) Blessing of rings by the priest (one of three choices).

d.) Exchange of rings by the bride and groom (again it is preferred that the bride and groom recite the prayer, rather than repeat it after the priest).

7. General intentions: intentions may be submitted beforehand by the bride and groom (intentions may be read by layperson).

8. Offertory Procession: The bread, wine and water may be brought to the altar by the bride and groom. Others might be involved in Offertory procession.

10. Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: one out

of three choices.

11. Eucharistic Prayer: one out of four choices.

12. Nuptial Blessing: This follows the Lord's Prayer. Again, there is a choice of one out of three.

13. Greeting of Peace: This may involve all attending or just the wedding party or just the bride and groom.

14. Holy Communion: Both the Host and Chalice are given to the bride and groom and perhaps to all in the wedding party as well as the members of the immediate family.

15. Prayer after Communion: one out of three choices.

16. Final Blessing: one out

of three choices.

17. Recessional: bride and groom, witnesses, attendants.

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