

Pre-Cana Calendar

Marriage preparation registration is required. Attendance six months in advance of the wedding is recommended. There is a \$15 nonrefundable registration fee to defray necessary expenses of the program. Checks may be made payable to the Diocese of Rochester. Registrations close one month prior to the date of the session.

For couples registering to attend sessions in Monroe County, the nonrefundable registration fee of \$15 must accompany the registration card.

Many parishes offer parish-based marriage preparation. Please check with the priest in each of your parishes to see what they offer.

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NORTH REGION

March 25, 27, 29 — St. Thomas the Apostle 7:30-10:30 p.m.

NORTHEAST REGION

April 19 — St. John of Rochester 7:30-11 p.m.

April 21 — St. John of Rochester 2-8 p.m.

April 14, 21 — St. Ambrose 1-5 p.m.

April 20 — St. Ambrose 8-10 p.m.

March 10 — Holy Trinity 1:30-4:30 p.m.

March 14 — Holy Trinity 7:30-9:30 p.m.

March 24 — Holy Trinity 2:30-4:30 p.m.

April 21 — Holy Trinity 1:30-4:30 p.m.

April 25 — Holy Trinity 7:30-9:30 p.m.

May 5 — Holy Trinity 2:30-4:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST REGION

May 6, 13, 20 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hamlin ... 7:30-10:30 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGION

May 6, 13, 20 — St. Catherine Center, Mendon 7:30-10 p.m.

SOUTHWEST REGION

April 29, May 1, 3 — St. Pius X 7:30-10:30 p.m.

YATES-ONTARIO-WAYNE REGION

Newark

March 16 — St. Michael's 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SENECA-CAYUGA REGION

Auburn

April 27 — St. Mary's School 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

June 15 — St. Mary's School 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Reservations: Cayuga County Pre-Cana PO Box 719, Weedsport, N. Y. 13166

Seneca Falls

March 30 — St. Patrick's
Reservations: David & Marjorie Brophy, 315-568-2391

TOMPKINS-TIOGA REGION

Owego

March 23 — St. Patrick's 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reservations: Mary Jane & Jim Robie, 607-687-4297

Ithaca

March 9 — Immaculate Conception School 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 9 — Immaculate Conception School 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 10, 12 — Immaculate Conception School

Reservations: rectory at 607-273-6121

CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER REGION

Elmira Heights

April 20 — St. Charles Borromeo
Reservations: Carol & Bruce Beavers, 607-732-5542

Elmira

June 2 — St. Mary's Southside 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reservations: Stan & Joanne Douglas, 607-732-3965

Horseheads

March 30 — St. Mary Our Mother 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reservations: John & Donna Stevens, 607-562-3600

STEBEN REGION

Corning

March 22 — St. Patrick's 7-10 p.m.

March 23 — St. Patrick's 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 19 — St. Patrick's 7-10 p.m.

April 20 — St. Patrick's 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Reservations: Leo & Judy Thomas, 607-962-2027

Hornell

March 2 — St. Ann's
Reservations: Larry & Barb Jones, 607-295-7708

Conferencias Para La Comunidad Hispana - Spanish community information and reservations: 232-4844

Teenage Couple Pre-Marriage Counseling - For those under the legal age of marriage. Information and reservations: Rochester, 716-436-5450; Elmira, 607-734-9784; Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, 315-834-9775.

Married Life Takes Special Preparation

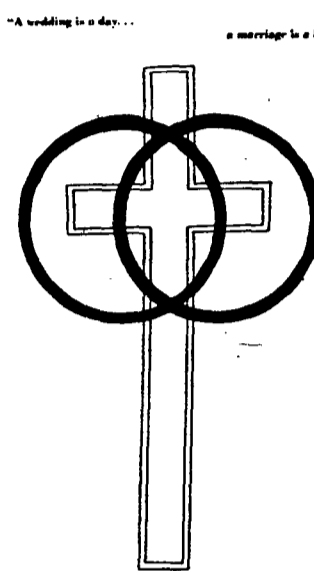
Dear Special Lovers,

Congratulations! Couples planning to be married are so full of joy and hope - that's why we are calling you special lovers. We, too, are pleased about your upcoming marriage, and we share in your excitement and your hope. We are delighted you are choosing to be married in the Church, as we know that symbolizes a caring for each other and a commitment to each other and to God that is very special. We believe in Christian Marriage as a way of life, and we want the best for you and your future.

To help you in planning for your future, we urge you to take some time very soon to attend a marriage preparation program. On the Pre-Cana schedule, appearing in this issue of the Courier-Journal and also obtainable from your parish, you will notice the dates and places of the sessions we have scheduled. There are one-day sessions included especially for those couples with different working times, or where one of the couple is out of town. Engaged Couple Encounter dates are listed too. This group has an excellent program which you may want to consider.

Also notice the special program - New Horizon - for those persons who have

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been previously married and have gone through the Church annulment process, as well as those persons entering a second marriage as the result of the death of a spouse.

We recommend that you register for one of these sessions as soon as possible - participation six to eight

months before your wedding date is ideal.

Marriage is a lifelong experience of challenges to grow as individuals, and as a couple. We who are involved in the ministry to engaged couples care about you and your marriage and we are anxious to share with you. We see marriage preparation as the opportunity for the two of you to get away from the hectic details of planning your wedding day, and to spend time together with other engaged and married couples and a priest, to do in-depth thinking about marriage as a vocation. After all, your wedding is a day - your marriage is a lifetime.

Again, congratulations. Our prayer is that God will bless you as you prepare to celebrate your marriage and that His love will continue to shine upon you as you grow through your years together.

Peace, Love, and Joy
Jim and Donna Fitch
Pre-Marriage Coordinators

Create a Beautiful Wedding

for the Bride
Attendants and Mothers

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- Illusion
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1 (716) 248-2362
Mon.-Thurs. 10-9 Fri. & Sat. 10-5