



## Variety of programs offered in preparation for marriage

The Marriage Preparation Offices of the Diocese of Rochester's three regions each offer a series of marriage preparation classes. Each program is presented by a trained team of married couples and a priest/deacon. They share their experiences and help the engaged couples to explore their relationships, to determine their strengths and weaknesses. The program is an important addition to the personal sessions couples attend with their parish priest or deacon.

Couples planning their weddings should be aware of the following diocesan regulations:

1. Couples should register for programs at least six months prior to the wedding date.

2. Registration for sessions offered by the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes regions closes one month before the specified session or when filled to capacity.

3. Registration for Southern Tier and Finger Lakes sessions is conducted by telephone only, unless otherwise indicated (see schedules that follow); registration for Genesee Valley sessions is by advance mail only, unless otherwise specified in schedule.

4. A non-refundable registration fee of \$17.50 per couple is required.

5. Certificates are issued to couple upon completion of seven to 10 hours of classroom instruction (hours vary by program).

6. For a wedding in the Finger Lakes or Southern Tier regions when one or both parties is under the age of 18, or when pregnancy is involved, couples should contact the Marriage Preparation Office in that region for Intensive Pre-Cana registration before a wedding date is set.

In addition to these sessions, the following programs are also offered:

**Engaged Encounter** — A weekend away with other engaged couples, designed to intensively cover topics concerning couples' prospective lives together. Weekend dates through June are: March 21-23, April 4-6, April 11-13, April 25-27, May 2-4, May 9-11, May 16-18, June 6-8, June 20-22. For

information or registration, contact Les and Janice Bradt, 19 Ronald Circle Spencerport, N.Y. 14559, (716)352-1082.

**New Horizons** — Marriage preparation for couples in which one or both partners have been married previously. Two programs, consisting of three sessions plus orientation, are available at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester: 1.) May 8, 12, 14 and 16; and 2.) Sept. 25, 29, Oct. 1 and 3. Special emphasis is placed on topics relative to couples in a second marriage. Certificates are issued upon completion of 12-hour program. Contact the office in the appropriate region.

**Hispanic Pre-Cana, Conferencias Para La Comunidad Hispana** — Hispanic traditions and values are presented for couples with Spanish background. For information and reservations, contact the Spanish Apostolate at (716) 328-3210 or the Family Ministries Office at (716) 454-7650.

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Couples may be referred to one of the following programs due to special circumstances:

**Separation** — Sessions are arranged through the Marriage Preparation Office for couples who are separated for an extended period before the wedding (i.e., one partner is in the military service or lives in another state). Contact the office at (716)454-7650.

**Teenagers** — Arrangements are made to work with the priest/deacon preparing teenagers for the Sacrament of Marriage. **Before the wedding date is set**, call (716)454-7650 in the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes regions, or (607)734-9784 in the Southern Tier.

**Pregnancy** — Pregnancy itself is not the determining factor in proceeding with or delaying a marriage. **Before the wedding date is set**, call (716)454-7650 in the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes regions, or (607)734-9784 in the Southern Tier to make special arrangements.

## Encounter provides break from preparations

Your wedding will be a very special day, but it's only a day. Marriage is a lifetime. It's a lifetime of sharing good times and not-so-good times, a lifetime of communicating, a lifetime of caring and a lifetime of loving. It's a relationship that will continually change and grow throughout your life together and it far exceeds your wedding day.

An Engaged Encounter weekend is an excellent opportunity to build some very special memories of your engagement and your love. Through this weekend you will grow in your love for each other while preparing yourself for a stronger, healthier marriage. It will be an opportunity to take a break from the wedding plans and con-

centrate solely on each other for an entire weekend.

Throughout the weekend, a team of two couples and a priest will discuss marital relationships, struggles and joys, as well as a variety of topics ranging from communication to sexuality and faith. You will then have time together to share your feelings, thoughts and dreams with your fiancé.

The weekend begins on Friday evening at 8 and ends Sunday with a Mass at 4 p.m. The weekends are held at Keuka College in Penn Yan, and the cost of the weekend is \$100, but we never turn anyone away because of finances.

For dates and registration information, see the Engaged Encounter section of the article printed above.

### Southern Tier (607) 734-9784

Only Telephone Reservations will be accepted. Do NOT send registration card.

#### Dates for 1986:

Area	Date	Time	Place
Ithaca	March 8, Sat.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, 113 N. Geneva St., (607) 273-6121
Hornell	March 15, Sat.	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Ann's, Larry & Barb Jones, (607) 295-7708
Elmira Heights	April 12, Sat.	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles Borromeo, 130 Oakwood Ave., (607) 734-7619
Owego	April 26, Sat.	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Mary Jane & Jim Robie, (607) 687-4297
Wayland	April 20, Sun.	10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph's, 206 Fremont St., (716) 728-2228
Corning	May 2 & 3, Fri. & Sat.	Friday: 7-10 p.m. Saturday: 9-1 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Judy & Leo Thomas, (607) 962-2027
Ithaca	May 3, Sat.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, 113 N. Geneva St., (607) 273-6121
Elmira	June 1, Sun.	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Southside, Stan & Joann Douglas, (607) 732-3965
Ithaca	June 9 & 11 Mon. & Wed.	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, 113 N. Geneva St., (607) 273-6121
Ithaca	Sept. — TBA		Immaculate Conception
Hornell	Sept. — TBA		St. Ann's
Elmira	Oct. 5, Sun.	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Southside, Stan & Joann Douglas, (607) 732-3965
Wayland	Nov. 2, Sun.	10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph's, 206 Fremont St., (716) 728-2228

### Finger Lakes (716) 454-7650

To register, please follow instructions as requested after each session.

March 1	TBA	St. Michael's, Penn Yan Registration: Esther Young (315) 536-7459
April 12	8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary's School, Clymer Street, Auburn MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY: Laura and Lyle Bellardine, 101 Swift Street, Auburn 13021
April 12	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls Reservations: Marjorie Brophy (315) 568-2391
April 25 & April 27	7:00-10:00 p.m. 2:00-6:00 p.m.	St. Frances deSales, Geneva Registration: (315) 789-0930
June 14	8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary's School, Clymer Street, Auburn MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY: Laura and Lyle Bellardine, 101 Swift Street, Auburn 13021
Sept. 26 & Sept. 28	7:00-10:00 p.m. 2:00-6:00 p.m.	St. Frances deSales, Geneva Registration: (315) 789-0930
October	TBA	St. Stephen's, Geneva Registration: (315) 789-1124
October 4	8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary's School, Clymer Street, Auburn MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY: Laura and Lyle Bellardine, 101 Swift Street, Auburn 13021
October 4	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls Reservations: Marjorie Brophy (315) 568-2391

### Genesee Valley

Mail registration: Marriage Preparation Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, NY 14607

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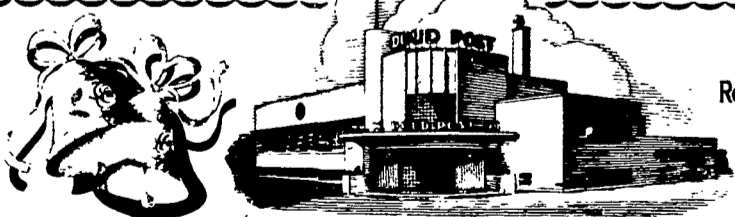
May 5, 12 & 19	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Vincent dePaul, Churchville
May 15, 22 & 29	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Catherine, Mendon
May 30 and May 31	7:30-10:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Held at Pastoral Center, Gates)

#### JUNE-JULY-AUGUST: ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS ONLY

Sept. 15, 17 & 19	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Pius X, 3032 Chili Avenue
Sept. 20	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Rita's, Webster
Sept. 22, 24 & 26	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Thomas the Apostle, 4536 St. Paul Blvd.
Sept. 24 & Oct. 1 & Sept. 28	7:00-9:00 p.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity, Webster
Sept. 25, Oct. 2 & 9	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Catherine's, Mendon
Sept. 26 and Sept. 27	7:30-10:30 p.m. 9:30-4:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Held at Nativity, Brockport)
Oct. 6, 13 & 20	7:30-10:30 p.m.	St. Vincent's, Churchville
Nov. 1 and Nov. 2	1:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-10:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost, Gates
Nov. 8	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Rita's, Webster
Nov. 21 and Nov. 22	7:30-10:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Held at Nativity, Brockport)

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