

Session Information

Session 1 - Communication

This workshop will identify obstacles to and enhancers of effective communication in the marital relationship. The two areas that will be highlighted are: communication towards problem solving and communicating towards affirming a loving relationship. Specific topics will include the following: defining "normalcy" of conflicts; identifying styles of communication that go toward compatibility and incompatibility; practical pathways to effective problem solving; identifying the basic love languages; and understanding the functional effects of the "brain" in the experience of the "self" as couples communicate with each other.

Session 2 - Family of Origins

Discover ways in which your marriage commitment is influenced by experiences you had growing up in your family; identify how your relationship with parents and siblings play a role in the way you establish and maintain attachments. Become aware of the impact former relationship problems can have on your marriage. Learn from the past...and let the past work for you. As you strive to identify as a married couple, you will have a better understanding and appreciation of how relationships and experiences from the past can contribute to the present by enhancing your marriage.

Session 3 - The Many Moods of Marriage

Marital researchers estimate the rate of divorce for first marriages to be between 50-67% (Martin & Bumpass, 1989), and even 10% higher for second marriages (Glick, 1994). Navigating through the "many moods of marriage" becomes a major challenge facing any new couple. This session will help you avoid pitfalls that lead many couples to divorce. Learn how to divorce-proof, strengthen and enrich your marriage. This session will also cover the sacramental component of marriage.

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Session 4 - Blended Families

There are many tasks needed for a successful integration and blending of two families into one. This workshop will cover issues that include: overcoming loyalty issues, co-parenting, myths, and legends about step-parents, discipline strategies, and starting and establishing rituals and traditions as a new family unit. The Brady Bunch is only a TV show -- the real thing takes a lot of planning, understanding and hard work.

2018 Schedule & Registration Deadlines

Session 1

January	13	Deadline 12/28/17
June	2	Deadline 5/17/18
September	8	Deadline 8/23/18

Session 2

January	27	Deadline 1/11/18
June	23	Deadline 6/7/18
September	22	Deadline 9/6/18

Session 3

February	3	Deadline 1/18/18
July	7	Deadline 6/21/18
October	6	Deadline 9/20/18

Session 4

February	24	Deadline 2/8/18
August	4	Deadline 7/19/18
October	13	Deadline 9/27/18

Program Requirements

- ◆ Sessions 1, 2, & 3 are required for all couples.
- ◆ If you have children from a previous relationship, Session 4 on Blended Families is also required. Those with independent adult children may eliminate this session if they wish.
- ◆ Sessions do not need to be taken in consecutive order.

Remarriage 2018



Office of Marriage & Family Ministries
Diocese of St. Petersburg

What Is The Cost?

The below prices are *per couple* as long as the registration is received **by the deadline**. Pending availability, couples can register after the deadline however a **\$25.00 late fee will apply**.

\$105.00 - 4 sessions (as required)

\$ 90.00 - 3 sessions

Registration Details

- ◆ Complete the included form and submit by **mail or in person** with the **non-refundable** payment of \$100.00 or \$85.00 as applicable. Credit cards are not accepted. Please don't send cash through the mail. **Hand-delivered registrations can be brought to:** Bishop Larkin Pastoral Center * 6363 Ninth Avenue North * St. Petersburg 33710.
- ◆ Written confirmation will be sent via E-mail to each address provided. In the absence of E-mail, notification will be sent to the bride's home.
- ◆ If you don't hear from us within **2 weeks** of mailing your paperwork, please contact our office at: **deb@dosp.org** or by calling 727 - 341 - 6847.
- ◆ Postponements without penalty are possible as long as notice is received a minimum of **14 days prior to each session**. Otherwise, there is a **\$25.00 fee to reschedule**.

A Helpful Suggestion...

Couples often call to check availability before sending their registration. While this seems like a good idea, it delays getting your paperwork to us and can be the difference between being confirmed or not should space be limited. Registrations are accepted in the order received and payment won't be processed unless we're 100% sure we can accommodate you. Since there is no risk of losing money it's better to submit your paperwork. Once confirmed however penalties and fees will apply as indicated in this brochure.

About The Conference

- ◆ Sessions are held at Bethany Center in Lutz. Upon processing your registration you will receive a confirmation letter that includes the address of the facility and how to obtain driving direction.
- ◆ Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00. Continental breakfast is served beginning at 8:30.
- ◆ Dress casual and comfortable.
- ◆ Each lecture-style session is presented by a marriage & family therapist.
- ◆ The program meets or exceeds the requirements of the Common Guidelines set forth by all Dioceses within Florida as well as Florida Statute 741.0305.
- ◆ Couples who attend the required number of sessions (as applicable) will receive a Certificate of Completion at the conclusion of their final session.
- ◆ Regardless of age and/or circumstances, we are unable to accommodate children. Please make alternate arrangements for their care.

Please Note...

Since Bethany Center serves only as the host facility, their staff is unable to answer questions about this program or the marriage preparation process.

All contact should be with:

Office of Marriage & Family Ministries

E-Mail: deb@dosp.org

Phone: 727 - 341 - 6847

8:30 to 5:00 - Mon. thru Fri.

To ensure a more prompt response, E-mail is the best way to contact us as we have access to this should we be out of the office.

Detach & submit with \$100.00/\$85.00 non-refundable payment made payable to: **Diocese of St. Petersburg and mail to: Remarriage Conference, Marriage & Family Ministries, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 - 0200**

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Bride's Name Tag: _____

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Church Attending: _____

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Wedding Date: _____

Church of Wedding: _____

Priest/Deacon you are working with: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Dates: Communication _____ Family of Origins _____ Many Moods: _____ Blended Families _____

Marital Status: **BRIDE** Separated Divorced Widowed Single

GROOM Separated Divorced Widowed Single

Bride's E-Mail: _____

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