

PART A – Print and Retain

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**  
**Archdiocese of Kingston, Central Deanery**  
**INFORMATION**

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Welcome to our Marriage Preparation Course

In deciding to marry you are embarking on one of the most important steps in life's journey. A marriage blessed by God offers the greatest opportunity for natural happiness. We want to assist you in attaining this goal in your marriage and have attempted to develop a preparation course which addresses the ideals of marriage and helps a couple with the difficulties which are part of this journey. We urge you to pray about your marriage, and enter seriously into this brief preparation with the intention of being open to that which will benefit you and your partner.

This course is prepared and presented by married couples and professionals living in our faith community and willing to share with you their knowledge and life experiences. Fr. Leo Byrne and Fr. Shawn Hughes are the clergy representatives you will meet during the weekend.

Topics to be presented and discussed

Spirituality and Sacramentality of Marriage, Lifestyle, Work, Finance, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Mix marriages, Second Marriage, Sexuality, Parenting and Family Planning, Wedding Ceremony (Liturgy).

*PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE DATES 2011*

*Friday, April 8, 2011 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, April 9, 2011 9:00 am - 6:00 pm CONCLUDED WITH MASS AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.*

*Friday September 23, 2011 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, September 24, 2011 9:00 am - 6:00 pm CONCLUDED WITH MASS AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.*

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Course Fee: \$100 per couple or \$60 per individual. Fees may accompany the application or may be paid at Registration on Friday night. Cheques are payable to: "Central Deanery Marriage Preparation". The fee for the course covers: the text book "Empowering Couples", Saturday Lunch, Coffee, Snacks, Honoraria to presenters, and other basic expenses.

Please fill out and send the Registration Form (PART C) to Mariola Gozdek at St. Mary's Cathedral by email at [mgozdek@cogeco.net](mailto:mgozdek@cogeco.net) , or mail to: "St. Mary's Cathedral, 279 Johnson Street, Kingston, ON, K7L-1Y5 attn: Mariola Gozdek". For further information please contact Mariola at St. Mary's Cathedral at 613.546-5521.

PART B – Print and Retain

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**FRIDAY EVENING:**

1. Registration and Introduction: 7:30PM – 8:00PM
2. The Spirituality and Sacramentality Of Christian Marriage 8- 9:30PM  
 Christian Spirituality, Marriage as a Sacrament.

**SATURDAY:**

1. Communication and Conflict Resolution 9:00- 10:30AM
  - The vital components of successful communication in relationship, tips to enhance skills preventing disagreements from becoming major issues in relationship.
2. Coffee Break 10:30 - 10:45AM
3. Workshops 10:50AM – 12:10PM (Please choose one and indicate on PART C.)

Selection #	Topic
1	Finances, Legal Aspects, Lifestyles Careers, income, credit buying, budgeting, sharing money decisions, pensions, donations to charity, and wills and estates
2	Interfaith / Intercultural Marriage Mixed Christian Denominations, Marriage to non Christian, Different cultural backgrounds and our marriage.
3	Blended Families / Second Marriage Shared custody, children from previous marriage, the reality of a Stepparent

4. Lunch 12:15 – 1:15PM
5. Sexuality, Parenting & Family Planning: 1:20PM – 2:50PM
  - Fertility and the gift of parenthood, practical concerns with reference to both parenting and the use of Natural Family Planning will be addressed.
6. Coffee break 2:50 – 3:00PM
7. The Wedding Liturgy 3:00 – 4:30PM
  - The Readings, Prayers, Music and Customs of the wedding in the church.
8. Course Completion and Farewell 4:30 - 5:00PM

PART C – Please Print, Complete and Send

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REGISTRATION FORM

[Download Registration Form](#)

Date:	
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THE GROOM			
Name:			
Address & Postal Code:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Occupation:			
Religion:		Church Attended:	
Baptized:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

THE BRIDE			
Name:			
Address & Postal Code:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Occupation:			
Religion:		Church Attended:	
Baptized:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Date of Planned Wedding:		Location:	
Is this the first marriage for both?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name of Priest officiating at your marriage:			

Workshop Selection

Please choose one of three workshops described on PART B.

Selection:	<input type="checkbox"/> # 1	<input type="checkbox"/> # 2	<input type="checkbox"/> # 3
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