Marriage Preparation



FOCCUS INVENTORY

FOCCUS is a tool designed to help couples deepen their discussions and build unity - it's not a compatibility test! 2-5 months before the wedding, your priest (or another facilitator) will give you directions to access the FOCCUS inventory and schedule a follow up meeting.



MEET WITH YOUR PRIEST

Call the parish at least 6 months before your wedding to select the date for your wedding and arrange the remaining meetings with your priest or deacon.





DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Select and attend a marriage preparation opportunity 4-6 months before your wedding (or earlier, if you prefer)! See reverse for options.



LEARN NFP

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a scientifically supported, Church-approved method of learning about your shared fertility and planning your family. Learn more at www.eriercd.org/chastity/





PLAN THE CEREMONY

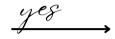
Meet with your priest to plan your wedding ceremony 2-4 months before your wedding, you will choose readings, confirm music and decoration plans, and clarify expectations about the ceremony.





Deciding on a Preparation Experience

Are you preparing for a second marriage or bringing children into the marriage?



NOVA

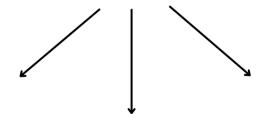
The NOVA mentorship program covers the basics for a happy, holy marriage AND offers specific sessions tailored for those with children or entering a second marriage, such as blending families and integrating past experiences. To book your NOVA mentorship, please call 814-824-1261.

Which of the following most closely matches what you are looking for in a preparation experience?

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

A retreat.
We want time to focus on our relationship, away from the demands of everyday life. Bonus

points for a date-like feel and the opportunity to get to know others at a similar point in life.



PRE-CANA

Information.

Please give us the information and we'll figure out how to apply it on our own time!

MENTOR COHORT

Long term growth.

Give us a chance to bring our authentic selves into a community of experienced (mentor) and new (other engaged) couples that cares about us and helps us learn, process, and grow.



learn or register

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Sundays, Feb 23 & Mar 2 St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 8:30a-ending with 11am Mass RSVP 814-453-6677

Fri & Sat, Feb 28 & Mar 1 Our Lady of Peace, Erie Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p; no Mass included RSVP 814-806-2423

Sunday, March 2 St. Walburga School, Titusville 8:30a-5:30p no Mass included RSVP 814-827-4636

Saturday, March 15 Queen of the World, St. Marys 9:30a-6:15pm Mass included RSVP 814-834-4701

Sunday, April 27 St. James, Erie 9:00a-5:00p Mass included RSVP 814-899-6178 Saturday, July 12 St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie 8:00a-6:00p; Mass included RSVP 814-824-1216

Sunday, September 7 Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek 8:00a-5:00p; Mass included RSVP 814-899-5342

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 11&12 Church of the Good Shepherd, West Middlesex 12:00 noon-4:00p; no Mass RSVP 724-528-3539

Sunday, November 2 St. George, Erie 8:00a-4:00p Mass included RSVP 814-864-0622

Mentor Cohort Schedule

Cohorts forming in February and October. RSVP 814-824-1261



Engagement Encounter at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie Friday, January 17-Sunday, January 19 https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/