

OTHER PROGRAMS:

The following are other places or programs which offer marriage preparation courses approved by the Archdiocese of Edmonton because they present the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage:

- **Any Catholic Parish Program**

- **Office of Family Life and Health Care**

Offers courses several times a year. For more information or to register for one of these sessions call 780-469-1010. The fee for this program is \$180 per couple.

- **Enriched Marriage Preparation**

Is offered by the Family Enrichment Centre for couples who are 30 years of age or older or who are entering a second marriage. Call 780-469-1010, ext. 248 for more information. The course fee for this program is \$250.00 per couple.

- **Engaged Encounter**

Offers courses several times a year. For more information or to register for one of these sessions call 780-466-0090. The fee for this program is \$300.00 per couple.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost of the program is \$150.00 per couple.

PROGRAM DATES AND TIMES AT ST. THERESA'S:

Classes are on Monday nights unless otherwise stated:

All evenings are from 7:30 – 10:00 pm.

(Times are subject to change).

Fall 2010

October 12 (Tuesday), 18 & 25

November 1, 8 & 14 (Sunday)

Winter 2011

January 4 (Tuesday), 10, 17, 24 & 31

February 7 (Monday)

Spring 2011

March 28 (Monday)

April 4, 11, 18, 26 (Tuesday)

May 1 (Sunday)

HOW CAN WE REGISTER?

To register, contact the Parish Receptionist, at the St. Theresa's Parish Office
780-463-8646, ext. 2221.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM



ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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WHY A MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM?

Christian Marriage is a journey of committed love undertaken for life. The Church, as a community of believers in Jesus, truly desires that each couple who marries in the Church has a happy marriage leading to fullness of life.

The Church supports you as an Engaged couple in your decision to marry.

In order to help you prepare fully for this lifetime commitment a Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton before a marriage can be celebrated.



WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT?

The program offered at St. Theresa's Parish consists of 6 (six) evenings. Each evening focuses on a different theme aimed at helping couples communicate and more fully understand the commitment, which they are making to each other.

Part of your marriage preparation also consists of completing FOCCUS, which is explained more fully on the inside of this brochure.



WHO LEADS THIS PROGRAM?

Currently St. Theresa's has two teams of highly trained and experienced couples:

Mona Lee & Kevin Feehan 780-438-6171
Linda & Rick Bieganeck 780-462-2757

FOCCUS:

FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) is a mandatory part of the marriage preparation course for couples desiring to be married at St. Theresa's Parish. It is a questionnaire, a tool designed to assist couples in learning more about themselves and their unique relationship.

There are three levels to the program:

1. The individuals read and respond to the FOCCUS statements individually. This process occurs at one of the first three evenings of the Marriage Preparation Program.
2. This level occurs with the help of a facilitator who uses the couple report and works with the couple to look at patterns in their responses, discuss issues and problem solve. This takes an average of two hours. This feedback is usually done before completion of the Marriage Preparation Program.
3. This level is not needed by every couple. It involves the use of the report and discussion with the couple to make a referral for specialized assistance at this time or in the future.