

## Marriage Preparation Workshop Registration Form

Couples are required to attend together all four sessions of a workshop scheduled for 7:00 —10:00 p.m. All workshops are held at St. Edward the Confessor Parish. Please select one workshop to attend:

- Workshop 1    Thursdays March 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Workshop 2    Fridays June 1, 8, 15, 22  
 Workshop 3    Fridays October 5, 12, 19, 26

**Please Print**

Wedding date \_\_\_\_\_ Church of wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/deacon preparing you for marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/deacon presiding at your wedding (if different from above)  
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Bride's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send this registration form and the workshop fee of \$100 payable to:

St. Edward the Confessor Parish  
 Attn: Marriage Preparation Workshop  
 33926 Calle La Primavera  
 Dana Point, CA 92629

Office Use Only	Date Recorded
Confirmation Sent	Recorded By
Amount Paid	Workshop Scheduled

# Diocese of Orange Deanery 7 Marriage Preparation Workshops 2018

*Helping Couples Prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony  
 Through Communication, Faith, and Community*



*"...and the two shall become one."*

### **Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange Deanery 7 Churches**

- ✠ Corpus Christi – Aliso Viejo**
- ✠ Holy Trinity – Ladera Ranch**
- ✠ Mission Basilica – San Juan Capistrano**
- ✠ Our Lady of Fatima – San Clemente**
- ✠ St. Catherine of Siena – Laguna Beach**
- ✠ St. Edward the Confessor – Dana Point**
- ✠ San Felipe de Jesus Chapel – Capistrano Beach**
- ✠ St. Timothy – Laguna Niguel**

## Overview

As a couple engaged to be married in the Catholic Church, you are about to make a decision that will shape your entire life together: "...to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part". The Catholic Church recognizes the importance of marriage in your lives and in the life of the Church. As with all major decisions, preparation is needed to make wise choices now and in the future. The priests and married couples of the Church offer their experience to help you.

## What Is The Marriage Preparation Workshop?

The Marriage Preparation Workshop is an opportunity for you to appreciate more fully your relationship with each other, with God, and with the Church. It is special time for you to focus on your relationship so you can better understand and communicate what you want for your lives together.

The workshop consists of four 3-hour evening sessions over four consecutive weeks. Each session includes presentations on important topics of married life, private time for you to discuss how the topic applies to your unique love relationship, and small group discussions with other engaged couples. Each small group is facilitated by a married couple who is available to you throughout the workshop and afterward.

## Option for Personal Pre-Marriage Inventory

The FOCCUS<sup>®</sup> (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) Pre-Marriage Inventory is a communication tool designed to help you appreciate your unique relationship, learn more about yourselves, and discuss topics important to your lifelong marriage with a certified facilitator. FOCCUS is offered as an option to supplement the workshop. For more information, see <http://stedward.com/matrimony/>.

## Who Can Participate?

The Marriage Preparation Workshop is open to couples of all ages who request the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. If you are currently in a civil marriage or have been married previously, discuss your situation with your priest or deacon before registering.

## Marriage Preparation Workshop Topics

- Family of Origin – how our expectations of each other in marriage are influenced by our family life growing up
- Conflict Prevention and Resolution (without saying or doing something we will regret)
- Forgiveness – an essential part of every happy marriage
- Sharing Our Faith – letting God be a part of our love relationship
- Managing Money Together – so that money does not manage us
- Goal Setting – developing a shared vision for our marriage
- Serious Threats – avoiding things that can destroy our relationship
- Sexuality and Spiritual Intimacy – appreciating the gift of our sexual union
- Natural Family Planning – the wonder and benefits of modern fertility science
- Children – the fruits of our life-giving love for each other
- Sacrament of Matrimony – God's grace for a lasting and fulfilling marriage

## Registration

You benefit most by registering early in your engagement before the details of your wedding become time-consuming. To register for a workshop, please complete the registration form and return it with the workshop fee to St. Edward the Confessor parish.

The registration form is available on the back page. It is also available online at the St. Edward Parish website <http://stedward.com/matrimony> and the Diocese of Orange website <http://rcbo.org>. Register early since attendance is limited. You must complete the workshop and provide the completion record to your priest or deacon prior to your wedding.

## Cost

A fee of \$100 covers all workshop materials and must be paid at the time of registration to reserve your place in a workshop. The bride will be sent a receipt confirming your registration.