

2018 PRE-CANA CLASS

January 20	July 28
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	

2018 BEGINNING ANEW

February 3	August 4
June 2	October 6

Diocesan guidelines for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

1. Six months to a year before your wedding date, contact your parish priest. Expect to meet with an advisor several times to complete and review your Pre-Nuptial Marriage Investigation and FOCCUS survey; and to plan the liturgy for your wedding. If you were previously married, you will need a Declaration of Invalidity before a wedding date can be scheduled.
2. Register for the diocesan marriage preparation class, a class designed to help you and your fiancé throughout a lifetime marriage. We highly recommend you attend the earliest class possible before your wedding date.
3. Register and attend a diocesan Natural Family Planning Class series (NFP) to learn an all-natural, scientific family planning method based on a woman's fertility and infertility patterns. NFP promotes romance, respect, and communication between husband and wife. It can deepen the intimacy between you and your spouse, strengthen your relationship, and give you peace.



Photo taken at St. Mary Church (Memphis) by Dr. John Tyler.

*Before you say "I do!"
make sure you are
spiritually prepared.*

The marriage preparation process is a multi-phased and collaborative effort under the direction of our local parish communities and the diocesan Office of Family Ministries.



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Marriage Preparation Programs



2018 Schedule and Registration

*Office of Marriage Preparation
Ministries*

Important Instructions

1. Make sure your priest, deacon or parish representative has signed below.
2. Pay \$100.00 with cash, check, or money order.
Make Checks payable to Diocese of Memphis and mail to

Office of Family Life
Diocese of Memphis
5825 Shelby Oaks Drive
Memphis, Tennessee 38134-7316

Pre-Cana
\$100.00 per couple

A program for engaged couples and civilly married couples who are Con-Validating their marriage. The program is designed to help couples prepare for a lifelong marriage. Class is held on a Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Both have never been married.
Yes ___ No ___

Married and Con-Validating your marriage. Yes ___ No ___

If yes, when were you married?

Preferred date: _____
1st choice _____
2nd Choice _____

(See schedule for dates.)

Beginning Anew
\$100.00 per couple

A program for couples if either ONE or BOTH have been married before. Designed to help the divorced or widowed prepare for remarriage and develop a better understanding of the needs involved in "Beginning Anew". Class is held on a Saturday 8:30am—4:30pm.

One or both have been previously married.
Yes ___ No ___

If yes, circle one: BRIDE or GROOM

Do you have a Declaration of Invalidity?
Yes ___ No ___ In Process ___

Do either of you have children? _____

Preferred date: _____
1st choice _____
2nd Choice _____

(See schedule for dates.)

Online Course

In special circumstances an online course is available at a higher fee. Call for details.

Tentative Wedding Date: _____

Bride's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell / Work _____ Religion _____

Email: _____ If Catholic, parish attending _____

Groom's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell / Work _____ Religion _____

Email: _____ If Catholic, parish attending _____

SIGNATURE OF CONSULTING CLERGY

PRIEST/DEACON/REPRESENTATIVE _____

PARISH _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Signature _____ DATE SIGNED _____

Clergyman presiding at wedding if different than above _____

Has the couple completed the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory? _____

Office Use Only. Registration received: ___/___/___ by ___ Paid \$100.00 cash / paid check # ___ No, money not enclosed

Registration confirmation call made: ___/___/___ by ___ Registration confirmation letter mailed/emailed: ___/___/___ by ___

Course completed letter to priest mailed: ___/___/___ by: ___ Course requirements not fulfilled letter mailed: ___/___/___ by: ___

Bride ID # _____ Groom ID # _____ Entered into Shelby ___/___/___