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Date: October 9, 2017

To: Pastors, Priests, Deacons and Parish Administrators

From: Daniel West, Marriage, Family, and Pastoral Care Ministry;
Office of Formation and Discipleship

Re: 2018 Marriage Preparation Workshops

The “Joy-Filled Marriage” preparation hosted by the archdiocese continues as a two-Saturday program. The first Saturday focuses on life skills while the second Saturday is the actual sacramental preparation.

“Love Again: Life Skills for Remarriage” continues to be held quarterly to offer life skills for couples who are marrying after a previous marriage. These include couples where one or both of the partners experienced an annulment, being widowed, civil marriage or anticipate blending families. “Life Skills for Remarriage” combined with the second Saturday focused on sacramental preparation completes the marriage preparation process for these couples.

All couples receive a certificate of completion at the end of the second Saturday. Please see the attached flyer including registration information and all program dates for 2018.

All marriage prep workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna GA 30080. The total cost for the “Joy-Filled Marriage” and “Life Skills for Remarriage” preparation is \$160.00 per couple (each Saturday is \$80). Registration is available [online](#).

Understanding some couples may need more flexibility than two Saturdays, a more flexible option to consider is www.catholicmarriageprep.com.

For more information, please email dwest@archatl.com or call 404-920-7631.

The *Joy-Filled* Marriage Program



Archdiocese of Atlanta Marriage Preparation

2018 WORKSHOP DATES

January 13 *
February 17
March 24
April 21 *
May 19
June 23
July 21 *
August 18
September 15
October 20*
November 17
December 15

Couples must attend **two** Saturdays to receive their marriage preparation certificate from the archdiocese.

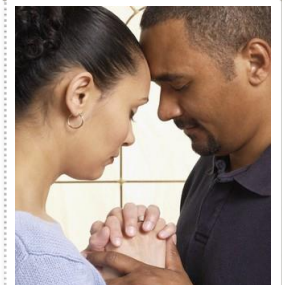
Saturday workshops:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

* **Bold dates represent times when "Love Again" marriage preparation is available (for the widowed and annulled marriages)**

Cost of program: \$160 per couple
(\$80 per Saturday).

Fee covers materials, training, refreshments, and lunch

The program is grounded in Church documents, influenced strongly by the Theology of the Body, and ties in sound Catholic psychology applied to marriage and relationships.



Saturday workshop:

The two parts, "Living a Joy-Filled Marriage" and "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage", will be offered simultaneously on the Saturdays listed. Couples will register for the first part, then receive a follow-up email with a link to register for the second part. Marriage prep certificates will be given after attendance of the second part, "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage".

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Love Again Registration:
<http://tiny.cc/LoveAgain>



Joy-Filled Marriage Registration:
<http://tiny.cc/JFMprep>

