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Memo

Date: November 12, 2018

To: Priests, Deacons and Parish Administrators

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

Re: 2019 Marriage Preparation Workshops

As in 2018, **“Joy-Filled Marriage”** preparation, hosted by the Archdiocese of Atlanta, continues this year as a two-Saturday program. The first Saturday focuses on life-skills while the second Saturday is for sacramental preparation. Click [here](#) to register online.

“Love Again” is a quarterly workshop that offers life-skills for couples who are marrying after a previous marriage. This include couples where one or both of the partners have experienced an annulment, being widowed, a civil marriage or anticipate a blending of families. “Love Again” combined with a second Saturday focused on sacramental preparation completes the marriage preparation process for these couples. Visit our [website](#) for registration.

“Witness to Love” is a new initiative based on the Marriage Catechumenate model encouraged by Pope Francis and St. Pope John Paul II. It combines a sponsor couple, picked by the engaged couple, and part two of the “Joy-Filled Marriage” workshop. More details and registration are available [online](#).

All couples receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the second Saturday. Please see the attached flyer with registration information and program dates for 2019.

Understanding some couples may need more flexibility with two Saturdays, please consider www.catholicmarriageprep.com.

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

The *Joy-Filled* Marriage Program



Archdiocese of Atlanta Marriage Preparation

2019 WORKSHOP DATES

January 12 *
February 9
March 9
April 13 *
May 18
June 15
July 20 *
August 17
September 21
October 19*
November 16
December 14

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".

All workshops are held at the Chancery,
2401 Lake Park Drive SE,
Smyrna GA 30080.

Love Again Registration:

<http://tiny.cc/LoveAgain>



Joy-Filled Marriage Registration:

<http://tiny.cc/JFMprep>

