

## Memo

Date:	November 4, 2019
То:	Pastors, priests, deacons and parish administrators
From:	Daniel West, Office of Formation and Discipleship; Marriage, Family and Pastoral Care Ministry
Re:	Marriage Preparation Workshops - 2020

The **"Joy-Filled Marriage"** preparation hosted by the Archdiocese continues in 2020 as it did in 2019, as a two-Saturday program. However, reflecting the overall declining marriage rate, please note there will not be a workshop held in December 2020, so couples will need to plan accordingly. Registration is online <u>here</u>.

**"Love Again"** 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 have experienced an annulment, being widowed, or a civil marriage, and/or they anticipate a blending of families. "Love Again," combined with the second Saturday focused on sacramental preparation, completes the marriage preparation process for these couples. Registration is online <u>here</u>.

**"Witness to Love"** is a new initiative based on the Marriage Catechumenate model encouraged by Pope Francis and Pope St. John Paul II. It combines a sponsor couple, picked by the engaged couple, and part 2 of the Joy-Filled Marriage workshop. More details and registration is online <u>here</u>.

All couples receive a certificate of completion at the end of the second Saturday. See <u>flyer</u> with registration information and all the program dates for 2020.

Understanding some couples might not be able to attend an in-person workshop, the most flexible option for your consideration is: <u>www.catholicmarriageprep.com</u>

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