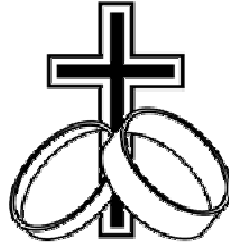


*Marriage Preparation
Individualized for you alone*

Sponsor Couple Program



*As you get ready...
...let us help*

*Love is ...
the foundation
for you marriage*

Sponsor Couple Program
St John the Evangelist
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Marriage Preparation is required for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Engaged couples are invited to experience the meaning of Christian community through the witness and example of experienced married couples, in cooperation with their priests or deacons.

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WHY THE SPONSOR COUPLE ALTERNATIVE?

Our parish has a pool of married couples whose ministry is that of helping you as a couple prepare for married life. A major advantage is the one-on-one approach. Sessions are planned for topics tailored to meet your needs. Time together is more profitable and the content of sharing is personally geared.

WHO WILL OUR SPONSOR COUPLE BE?

Sponsor couples are married couples who are willing to share their experiences as a married couple. Sponsor couples come from many walks of life but all have been trained to facilitate couple communication. All sponsor couples are assigned only after prayerful consideration.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

An engaged couple meets with a married couple to discuss various areas of married life.

HOW DO WE GET TOGETHER?

A sponsor couple will contact you soon after you register. The program usually involves 5 sessions.

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE SESSIONS HELD?

They are usually held at the home of the sponsor couple at times convenient to both couples.

DOES IT SATISFY THE ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS?

Yes. However, in our experience, the Sponsor Couple Program added to the Engaged Encounter Weekend has proved to be the optimum approach to marriage preparation.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of the program is \$75 which is waived if the Sponsor Couple Program is taken together with an Engaged Encounter Weekend.

OTHERS HAVE COMMENTED...

- ... *The sponsor couples were wonderful. Helpful, but not dictating.*
- ... *I really feel if I have questions or problems down the road, I could go to them.*
- ... *Our sponsor couple was very open and friendly. They made the topics very applicable to our marriage.*
- ... *I'm really glad we did it. We really learned a lot!*
- ... *The longer it went, the better I liked it!*
- ... *We felt skeptical in the beginning, but very quickly changed our attitude.*
- ... *The sponsor couple was really attuned to our needs.*

Bride's Name: _____	Groom's Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Age: _____ Education: _____	Age: _____ Education: _____
Parish: _____	Parish: _____
Religion: _____	Religion: _____
Have you been married before? _____	Have you been married before? _____
Date of wedding: _____	
Location: _____	

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If you do Engaged Encounter, this fee is waived.