



PRE-CANA

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Marriage Preparation 2019

Congratulations! You are preparing to marry in the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church is vitally interested in the sanctity and success of marriage. The Church wants you to take time to reflect on the holiness of your vocation as a married couple and the importance of the step you are about to take. She wants you to understand that marriage is a way of life designed by God to include the very presence of Jesus Christ Himself. That is why the Church insists that couples who present themselves to have their marriage blessed in a sacramental way participate in a marriage preparation program.

The diocesan marriage preparation program “Pre-Cana” is held at various times in many of the deaneries. Marriage preparation programs such as sponsor couple programs are held in various parishes. Check with your parish priest or deacon to see if your parish offers a sponsor couple program.

What is a Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program?

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation is for engaged couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church and referred by the priest or deacon. The choice of one day of preparation or two or three evenings of presentations and sharing enable you as a couple to have an opportunity to share honestly with each other your strengths and gifts that you will each bring to the marriage. You will also look at the challenges and opportunities that come with married life. The topics that will facilitate this discussion will be about family living, communication, finances, Christian sexuality, parenting, Natural Family Planning, and Sacrament of Marriage.

“A Wedding is a Day . . . A Marriage is a Lifetime.”



2019 PRE-CANA SCHEDULE

CITY	DATES	TIMES	LOCATIONS	INSTRUCTOR(S)
Ogdensburg (Class 1A)	February 9	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Mary's Cathedral Brzana Hall 415 Hamilton Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669	Deacon Bill O'Brien, Matt & Amy Flynn, Jesse & Stacey Sovie
Gouverneur (Class 2)	March 9	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. James School 20 S. Gordon Street Gouverneur, NY 13642	Deacon Henry & Dayna Leader
Plattsburgh (Class 3)	March 10	10:30 am - 5:30 pm	St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
Carthage (Class 4)	March 23	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. James Minor Church 327 West Street Carthage, NY 13619	Nick & Lori Hanno, Laurie & Gary McCullough
North Bangor (Class 5)	April 4 and April 6	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Augustine's Church 2472 State Route 11 North Bangor, NY 12966	Angelo & Suzanne Pietropaoli
Plattsburgh (Class 6)	April 14	10:30 am - 5:30 pm	St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
Lowville (Class 7)	April 27	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 5457 Shady Avenue Lowville, NY 13367	Ron & Michele Gingerich
Ogdensburg (Class 7A)	June 8	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Mary's Cathedral Brzana Hall 415 Hamilton Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669	Deacon Bill O'Brien, Matt & Amy Flynn, Jesse & Stacey Sovie
Lowville (Class 8)	September 7	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 5457 Shady Avenue Lowville, NY 13367	Ron & Michele Gingerich
Plattsburgh (Class 9)	October 6	10:30 am - 5:30 pm	St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
North Bangor (Class 10)	October 17 and October 19	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Augustine's Church 2472 State Route 11 North Bangor, NY 12966	Angelo & Suzanne Pietropaoli

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- Online registration: www.rcdony.org/pre-cana
- Payment can be made online via PayPal or mail check payable to: Family Life, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317
- Register as soon as you meet with your parish priest or deacon.
- Register two weeks prior to the requested session.
- Plan on becoming a member of your parish as a couple.
- Essex, Hamilton and Herkimer: Please contact the Family Life Office.