



PRE-CANA

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Marriage Preparation 2020

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.”



2020 PRE-CANA SCHEDULE

CITY	DATES	TIMES	LOCATIONS	INSTRUCTOR(S)
Gouverneur (Class 1)	January 11	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. James School 20 S. Gordon Street Gouverneur, NY 13642	Deacon Henry & Dayna Leader
Ogdensburg (Class 2)	February 8	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Mary's Cathedral Brzana Hall 415 Hamilton Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669	Deacon Bill O'Brien
Saranac Lake (Class 3)	March 15 22 and 29	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Bernard's Church 27 St. Bernard Street Saranac Lake, , NY 12983	Dr. Maura Fehlner & Deacon John Fehlner
Plattsburgh (Class 3A)	March 15	10:00 am 4:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
Carthage (Class 4)	March 21	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. James Minor Church 327 West Street Carthage, NY 13619	Nick & Lori Hanno
North Bangor (Class 5)	April 23 and April 25	6:30 pm—8:30 pm 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Augustine's Church 2472 State Route 11 North Bangor, NY 12966	Angelo & Suzanne Pietropaoli
Lowville (Class 6)	April 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 5457 Shady Avenue Lowville, NY 13367	Ron & Michele Gingerich
Plattsburgh (Class 6A)	April 26	10:00 am—4:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 114 Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
Ogdensburg (Class 6B)	July 8 and July 11	6:30pm—9:00pm 8:00am—5:30pm	St. Mary's Cathedral Brzana Hall 415 Hamilton Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669	Deacon Bill O'Brien
Lowville (Class 7)	September 12	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	St. Peter's Church 5457 Shady Avenue Lowville, NY 13367	Ron & Michele Gingerich
Plattsburgh (Class 7A)	October 4	10:00 am—4:00 pm	114 St. Peter's Church Cornelia Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Terry & Linda Guilbo
North Bangor (Class 8)	October 15 and October 17	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	St. Augustine's Church 2472 State Route 11 North Bangor, NY 12966	Angelo & Suzanne Pietropaoli
Watertown (Class 9)	November 7	9:00 am—4:00 pm	St. Patrick's Church 123 S. Massey Street Watertown, NY 13604	Nick and Lori Hanno

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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.