

Congratulations

The Catholic Church congratulates you on your decision to marry!



Our aim is to give you knowledge and skills in order that you will make your marriage the best possible.

The transition from single life or a cohabiting relationship to marriage is an exciting and challenging one.

Working as a team your priest and the marriage educators will:

- Offer you some insight into the dynamics of intimate relationships
- Provide an understanding of the Sacramental nature of Christian marriage
- Take a realistic look at the challenges of commitment and offer you some strategies for success
- Establish the concept of lifelong relationship education.

If you are preparing for a second time marriage there are specific issues you will be facing. An experienced couple can work with you in your marriage preparation to address these issues.

Preparing for your marriage

There are two phases to marriage preparation:

1. COMMIT inventory programme
2. A group course of your choosing

Commit

COMMIT is an inventory-based programme conducted over two sessions (one hour each). It is an opportunity for a couple to reflect on their relationship at a moment in time, identifying strengths, challenges and areas of growth. This is an excellent beginning to your group marriage preparation sessions.

COMMIT will be arranged with a facilitator for a time which suits you.

Contact: The Marriage Co-ordinator 04 496-1744
marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



Love is a Decision

A group programme run over two Sundays

Building strong foundations for a lasting Marriage.

Venue: Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon.

Times: 10am-4pm

Cost \$130 per couple

Dates: March 6 and 13

June 12 and 19

August 14 and 21

October 2 and 9

November 20 and 27

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Engaged Encounter

A group course over a weekend

Quality time together

Real life experience shared by married couples

Relationship education

Communication tools

March 5 - 6

July 16 - 17

November 12 - 13

Venue: Pa Maria, Hobson St, Thorndon

Contact Simon and Kate Olsen 04 801 6192

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Parish Programmes

Some parishes have developed their own marriage preparation programmes. Regular sessions are held with the engaged couple and cover aspects of marriage.

Contact phone numbers for these parishes are as follows:



SOUTH ISLAND

Blenheim, St Mary's	03 578 0038
Nelson, St Mary's	03 539 1251
Westport, St Canice	03 789 8615

WAIRARAPA – WELLINGTON

Masterton, St Patrick's	06 378 2028
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DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

If you would like your marriage preparation to be presented in your own language, please call us to discuss options available



Information

All courses in this brochure are approved and supported by the Archbishop of Wellington

For all enquiries contact

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