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**A One-Day Retreat for
Couples Free to Remarry
in the Catholic Church**

What is NOVA?

Nova is a one-day premarital preparation experience designed for couples who are free to remarry in the Catholic Church. It is:

- * Offered under the direction of the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie, PA
- * Presented by an experienced team comprised of remarried couples, a credentialed attorney and Catholic clergy

Why NOVA?

The intimate partnership of marriage demands serious thought and preparation. Every couple entering remarriage comes with unique needs and circumstances. NOVA helps them to reflect on situations in their relationship which differ from those faced by couples marrying for the first time.

NOVA is designed to help engaged couples to...

- * **Realize** the richness of their vocation to marriage, and the necessity of developing a personal, sacramental and spiritual commitment to one another;
- * **Reach** beyond the beginnings of their premarital relationship, and toward a deeper understanding of covenantal love;
- * **Resolve** issues dealing with prior relationships, and learn about the importance of blending and becoming a new family; and
- * **Recognize** their dignity as sons and daughters of God.

Who should attend NOVA?

The individual or couple whose prior marriage has been completely resolved by death or by declaration of nullity (annulment) through the Church can attend NOVA.

Whether you are a couple blending a family of young children or a mid-aged couple anticipating retirement together, NOVA has something for you.

What happens at NOVA?

NOVA provides couples a unique opportunity to address the relational, spiritual and sacramental aspects of marriage.

At the heart of NOVA are the stories told by the team about their own marital journey, exploring relevant issues of remarriage and blending families including:

- * Expectations of Remarriage
- * Communication & Commitment
- * Financial & Legal Issues
- * Spirituality in Marriage
- * Vocation of Marriage: Sacrifice & Sacrament
- * Obstacles in Marriage
- * Blending Families

Couples receive ample time for private discussion and opportunity to ask questions of the team. A light continental breakfast and delicious lunch are provided along with useful print resources for everyone.

Couples are invited to attend Catholic Liturgy at the church hosting NOVA.

What is the fee for NOVA?

The fee for NOVA is \$50 per couple which covers the cost of meals and materials.

Pre-registration is necessary and payment in full is appreciated prior to the day of the program.

To pre-register, please complete and return the registration form included in this brochure.



"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...In the end, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is Love".

1 Corinthians:13, 7-8, 13



NOVA has its roots in the Latin language and means "new star". A Nova is formed when a white star and its close companion star are drawn together and, through fusion, form one bright star made visible for all to see.