## Marriage Preparation



#### FOCCUS INVENTORY

FOCCUS is a tool designed to help couples deepen their discussions and build unity - it's not a compatibility test! 2-5 months before the wedding, your priest (or another facilitator) will give you directions to access the FOCCUS inventory and schedule a follow up meeting.



#### MEET WITH YOUR PRIEST

Call the parish at least 6 months before your wedding to select the date for your wedding and arrange the remaining meetings with your priest or deacon.



#### DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

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Select and attend a marriage preparation opportunity 4-6 months before your wedding (or earlier, if you prefer)! See reverse for options.



#### LEARN NFP

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a scientifically supported, Church-approved method of learning about your shared fertility and planning your family. Learn more at www.eriercd.org/chastity/



#### PLAN THE CEREMONY

Meet with your priest to plan your wedding ceremony 2-4 months before your wedding, you will choose readings, confirm music and decoration plans, and clarify expectations about the ceremony.



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## Deciding on a Preparation Experience

Are you preparing for a second marriage or bringing children into the marriage?



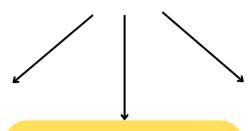
#### NOVA

The NOVA mentorship program covers the basics for a happy, holy marriage AND offers specific sessions tailored for those with children or entering a second marriage, such as blending families and integrating past experiences. To book your NOVA mentorship, please call 814-824-1261.

Which of the following most closely matches what you are looking for in a preparation experience?

#### ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

A retreat. We want time to focus on our relationship, away from the demands of everyday life. Bonus points for a date-like feel and the opportunity to get to know others at a similar point in life.



#### PRE-CANA

Information. Please give us the information and we'll figure out how to apply it on our own time!

#### MENTOR COHORT

Long term growth. Give us a chance to bring our authentic selves into a community of experienced (mentor) and new (other engaged) couples that cares about us and helps us learn, process, and grow.



### learn or register

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Sundays, Feb 18 & 25 St. Peter Cathedral, Erie 8:30a-noon, Mass included RSVP 814-453-6677

Saturday, March 16 Queen of the World, St. Marys 9:00a-6:15pm, Mass included RSVP 814-834-4701

Sunday, April 7 St. Walburga School, Titusville 8:30a-5:30p RSVP 814-827-4636

Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13 Our Lady of Peace, Erie Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p RSVP 814-833-7701

Sunday, April 21 Holy Trinity, Ramey 9:00a-4:00p, Mass included RSVP 814-378-7552

Sunday, April 21 St. James, Erie 9:00a-5:00p, Mass included RSVP 814-899-6178 Saturday, June 22 Sacred Heart, Saint Marys 8:00a-5:15p RSVP 814-834-7861 ext. 1

Sunday, July 14 St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie 8:00a-6:00p, Mass included RSVP 814-824-1216

Sunday, September 8 Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek 8:00a-5:00p, Mass included RSVP 814-899-6132

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 12&13 Church of the Good Shepherd, West Middlesex 12:00 noon-4:00p RSVP 724-813-4848

Sunday, Nov 3 St. George, Erie 8:00a-4:00p RSVP 814-864-0622

**Mentor Cohort Schedule** 

Cohorts forming in February and October. RSVP 814-824-1261



**Engagement Encounter** at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie Friday, Jan 19-Sunday, Jan 21 RSVP 814-824-1261