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Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming marriage! We are here to help.

If you are planning to marry in the Catholic Church, the first thing you need to do is engage a Catholic priest or deacon to marry you (your celebrant) or, if you are marrying in another diocese, you need a local priest or deacon to assist you with the official Church and Government paperwork (your local clergy contact).

To find a local priest or deacon to assist you, make enquiries in the parish where you live. If you need help with this text 0429 192 869

The priest or deacon will need at least 3-6 months' notice in order to assist you. He can guide you regarding Government and Church requirements, preparation of your wedding booklet, arrangements for a wedding rehearsal, and so on.

Your celebrant will also discuss what marriage preparation he would like you to undertake. Marriage preparation will usually include a few meetings with your celebrant as well as one or more of the following pre-marriage education options:



Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

Name	Course Description	Cost & Registration
Archdiocesan/ CatholicCare	<p>FOCCUS Inventory is usually conducted face to face on the first Tuesday of every month (except January) at the CatholicCare offices in Red Hill. It is also usually followed by a formation component (provided by a priest and a married couple) and with a face to face facilitated consultation with a CatholicCare facilitator.</p> <p>However due to COVID restrictions only the following online options are currently on offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A link to an online version of the FOCCUS Inventory will be sent to each fiancé to complete individually. • On completion of the 150 question FOCCUS Inventory, the couple will be contacted to book a facilitated conversation with a CatholicCare counsellor via Zoom <p>Please note the CatholicCare FOCCUS Inventory does not currently include a formation component.</p>	<p>Cost: \$250 per couple</p> <p>Enquiries & Registration: Ring or text 0429 192 869 www.cgatholic.org.au/catholiccare/</p>
SmartLoving Engaged Online	<p>SmartLoving Engaged Online is an online course comprised of 9 Lessons of approximately 1.5 hours each. Work at your own pace, when it suits you! Ideally, one lesson per week gives you time to practice the tools and form new habits over a 3 month period. It can also be fast-tracked when required. At the end of the course, you will be emailed a certificate and course report to give to your celebrant. Your celebrant can also use the questions at the end of each course as an opportunity to discuss your preparation with you. You can also invite a mentor couple to journey with you at no extra cost.</p>	<p>Cost: \$150 per couple including workbooks</p> <p>Enquiries & Registration: Ring or text 0429 192 869</p>
Evenings for the Engaged	<p>Evenings for the Engaged is a program run over two consecutive Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.</p> <p>There are between 6-8 couples in each course, private time is provided for each couple to build a closer relationship while exploring important topics. The course is presented by married couples and topics include, Family of Origin, Communication, Intimacy in Marriage, The Sacrament of Marriage (presented by a Priest), God in Marriage, Building a Stronger Marriage. Cost \$150 including catering and resources.</p> <p>Enquiries contact Pru and Peter Grist at prugordon@gmail.com Register & pay at https://www.cgatholic.org.au/evenings-for-the-engaged/</p> <p>Upcoming courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturdays 13 & 20 Mar 2021, Murrumbateman • Saturdays 10 & 17 Jul 2021, Murrumbateman • Saturdays 6 & 13 Nov2021, Murrumbateman 	<p>Cost: \$150 including catering and resources.</p> <p>Enquiries: Contact Pru and Peter Grist at prugordon@gmail.com</p> <p>Register & pay: https://www.cgatholic.org.au/evenings-for-the-engaged/</p>
Catholic Engaged Encounter	<p>Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend for engaged couples run in Sydney. While many couples attend each weekend, personal discussion only takes place between you and your fiancé. Private time is provided for each couple to build a closer relationship while exploring the following topics: your future lives together; your strengths and challenges; your desires, ambitions & goals; your attitudes about money, sex, children, family and your role in the church and society.</p> <p>Proposed next courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 20-21, 2021 St Joseph's Baulkham Hills • May 1-2, 2021 St Joseph's Baulkham Hills • Aug 7-8, 2021 St Joseph's Baulkham Hills • Nov 13-14, 2021 St Joseph's Baulkham Hill 	<p>Cost: Approximately \$290 not including accommodation.</p> <p>Enquiries & Registration: Call 042919269 https://www.cgatholic.org.au/engaged-encounter/</p>