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Marriage Renewal Ministry Track (MRM)

Made by Love. Made through Love. Made for Love. Marriage, in its original design, is a unique reflection of the life of God, Who is Love. Family life is a wellspring of saving grace. In the daily challenges of married life and family activities, God's persistent and redeeming grace is made available. Today, more than ever, the world needs to encounter God's gracious love as it is expressed in marriage and family life. In response to this need, Mother Church urgently calls us to the work for strengthening and renewing marriages according to God's beautiful plan.

If you feel called to serve the Church in her work of marriage renewal ministry — whether you work with engaged or married couples, in a parish or an apostolate, in a formal or informal setting — this track is designed to help you. These pragmatic and inspiring workshops will provide you with an opportunity to:

- Deepen your appreciation of God's plan for marriage and family life, as it has been entrusted to His Church.
- Grow in your understanding of the principles behind effective marriage preparation and enrichment.
- Increase your practical skill set for accompanying couples and families in today's culture.

Through the ministry of marriage and renewal, we join the Church in her motherly accompaniment as she supports her children in living out this vocation. These workshops will offer you a rich and holistic formation: one that will help you form those entrusted to your care to live in God's loving plan with freedom and joy.

Forming those who form others.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

GENESIS 2:24









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Renewing the Vision

Understanding the Church's Vision

- 1. A Foundational Vision: The Community of the Family
- 2. A Foundational Vision: The Theology of the Body
- 3. The Sacrament of Marriage
- 4. Family: Domestic Church and School of Holiness

Principles of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment

- 5. Foundational Principles of Marriage Ministry
- 6. A Catholic Vision of Marriage
- **Preparation Ministry**

Skills for Evangelizing and Accompanying Couples

- 7. The Kerygma: Delivering the **Gospel Proclamation**
- 8. Giving Counsel and Pastoral Care
- 9. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions
- 10. Building the Mentoring Relationship: **Empathic Listening**

- **Tools for Supporting Couples**
 - 1. Guide to Loving Parenting
 - 2. Fostering Holiness in Children
 - 3. Teaching Your Children about God's Plan for Sexuality
- Parenting as a Team · To be announced 4
- 5. **Mentoring Other Families**

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- **Parent Saints**
- Ten Commandments and Beatitudes
- Theology of the Family
- Mentoring Within a Family

- Living the Faith as Wife and Mother
- Adult Catechetical Methodologies and Learning Styles
 - The Family as the Context of Catechesis

...and many more!

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but it rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8



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