

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Since marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament and a lifetime commitment, one of the ways we value and honor it is by taking time to help couples prepare. All Cathedral parishioners begin this process by completing a comprehensive pre-marriage inventory or questionnaire (Prepare and Enrich) followed by an interview with a member of the marriage preparation team. This takes place before the wedding date is finalized on the cathedral calendar (if you are being married here). Afterwards, couples are required to participate in a marriage preparation program, a number of which are approved by the Cathedral. Couples who are not cathedral parishioners deal directly in this matter with the priest or deacon who will officiate at their wedding.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED PROGRAM. This is a parish-based program conducted by Kathleen McCabe, Director of Religious Education. Father Ryan participates in it, as do some trained married couples from the parish. It consists of five two-hour sessions held on Monday evenings at the parish. The program followed is one developed by the Marriage Encounter movement and involves a presentation, individual reflection, group sharing, and a modest amount of homework. The group is limited, so participation is on a space-available basis. To inquire about participation in this program, please call Margaret Lynch at **206-382-4288**

SEATTLE CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND. Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Held at Camp Brotherhood (near Mount Vernon), Palisades (Federal Way), and Center for Renewal (Issaquah). Cost is \$395+ per couple. This includes overnight facilities, food and materials. Presented by two couples and a priest. You can call **206-618-1130** to register, or registration@ceeseattle.org