

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**  
Archdiocese of Kingston, Central Deanery  
**INFORMATION**

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**Welcome to our Marriage Preparation Course**

In deciding to marry you are embarking on one of the most important steps in life's journey. A marriage blessed by God offers the greatest opportunity for natural happiness. We want to assist you in attaining this goal in your marriage and have attempted to develop a preparation course which addresses the ideals of marriage and helps a couple with the difficulties which are part of this journey.

We urge you to pray about your marriage, and enter seriously into this brief preparation with the intention of being open to that which will benefit you and your partner.

This course is prepared and presented by married couples and professionals living in our faith community and willing to share with you their knowledge and life experiences.

Fr. Leo Byrne and Fr. Shawn Hughes are the clergy representatives you will meet during the weekend.

**Topics to be presented and discussed:**

Spirituality and Sacramentality of Marriage, Finance, Legal Aspects, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Mixed Marriages, Second Marriage, Sexuality, Parenting and Family Planning, Wedding Ceremony (Liturgy).

**Time:**

Friday, **April 23, 2010** 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
& Saturday, **April 24, 2010** 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
concluded with Mass at St. Paul's Church and presentation of the Course Certificates

**Location:**

**St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church,  
1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston, ON K7M 8G8**

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**Course Fee:** \$100 per couple. Fees may accompany the application or may be paid at Registration on Friday night. **Cheques are payable to: "Central Deanery Marriage Preparation"**. The fee for the course covers: Saturday Lunch, Coffee, Snacks, all material including "Celebrating our Love" booklet, Honoraria to presenters, and other basic expenses.

Please fill out and send the Registration Form (PART C) to Mariola Gozdek at St. Mary's Cathedral by **email at [mgozdek@cogeco.net](mailto:mgozdek@cogeco.net)** (it will be confirmed), or mail it to:  
**Mariola Gozdek** c/o St. Mary's Cathedral, 279 Johnson Street, Kingston, ON, K7L-1Y5. For further information please contact Mariola at St. Mary's Cathedral at 613. 546-5521.

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**FRIDAY EVENING:**

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| 1. <b>Registration:</b>   | 6:30PM – 7:00PM |
| 2. <b>Small Groups-</b> Ice breaker and Introductions:              | 7:00PM - 7:30PM |
| 3. <b>The Spirituality and Sacramentality of Christian Marriage</b> | 7:30PM – 8:30PM |
| 4. <b>Small Groups</b>  | 8:30PM - 9:00PM |

**SATURDAY:**

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| 1. <b>COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS</b>   | 9:00 - 9:45AM   |
| - The vital components of successful communication in relationship, tips to enhance skills preventing disagreements from becoming major issues in relationship. |                 |
| 2. <b>Small Groups</b>  | 9:45 -10:15AM   |
| 3. <b>Coffee Break</b>  | 10:15 - 10:30AM |
| 4. <b>COMMUNICATION cont.</b>   | 10:30 -11:15AM  |
| 5. <b>Small Groups</b>  | 11:15 -11:45AM  |
| 6. <b>LUNCH</b>   | 11:45 -12:30PM  |
| 7. <b><u>WORKSHOPS: please choose <i>two</i> and indicate on PART C:</u></b>  |                 |
| #1 <b>FINANCES</b> or #4 <b>SECOND MARRIAGE</b>   | 12:30 –1:15PM   |
| #2 <b>LEGAL ASPECTS</b> or #3 <b>MIXED MARRIAGES</b>  | 1:15 – 2:00PM   |

| Workshop # | Topic   |
|------------|---|
| # 1        | <b>Finances</b><br>Income, Credit buying, Budgeting, Sharing money, Pensions etc.                                       |
| # 2        | <b>Legal Aspects</b><br>First time home buying, Estate Planning etc.  |
| # 3        | <b>Mixed Marriages</b><br>Marriage between those of different Faiths/Religions/Cultures                                 |
| # 4        | <b>Second Marriage/Blended Families</b><br>Shared custody, Children from previous marriage, The Reality of a Stepparent |

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| 8. <b>Sexuality, Parenting &amp; Family Planning:</b>                                      | 2:00 – 2:45PM |
| 9. <b>Coffee break</b>   | 2:45 – 2:55PM |
| 10. <b>Parenting</b>   | 2:55 – 3:40PM |
| 11. <b>Small Groups</b>  | 3:40- 4:00PM  |
| 12. <b>The Wedding Liturgy</b> (Hall and Church)   | 4:00 – 4:30PM |
| 13. <b>Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church and<br/>Presentation of Course Certificates</b> | 5:00 - 6:00PM |

**PART C** – Please Print, Complete and Send

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**  
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print in **BLOCK** letters

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| Date of the Course | <b>23/24 April 2010</b> |
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| THE GROOM (Please PRINT) |  |                  |  |
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| LAST and FIRST Name:     |  |                  |  |
| Address & Postal Code:   |  |                  |  |
| Home Phone:              |  | Work Phone:      |  |
| Occupation:              |  |                  |  |
| Religion:                |  | Church Attended: |  |
| Baptized:                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |                  |  |

| THE BRIDE (Please PRINT) |  |                  |  |
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| LAST and FIRST Name:     |  |                  |  |
| Address & Postal Code:   |  |                  |  |
| Home Phone:              |  | Work Phone:      |  |
| Occupation:              |  |                  |  |
| Religion:                |  | Church Attended: |  |
| Baptized:                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |                  |  |

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| Date of Planned Wedding:                     |  | Location: |  |
| Is this the first marriage for both?         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |           |  |
| Name of Priest officiating at your marriage: |  |           |  |
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**Workshop Selection:** Please write the numbers of the two (2) Workshops you have chosen to attend as described on PART B.

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| Workshops #s | & |
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