

WHAT IS JOURNEY TO MATRIMONY

As the preferred preparation program of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Journey to Matrimony is based on the belief that successful marriages thrive on a strong Christian foundation. This couple-based, comprehensive overnight program is intended for those entering marriage for the first time and wish to deepen and enrich their relationship, and desire a richer, fuller life together. Various presentation styles are used which include married couple witness talks, a marriage & family therapist or licensed mental health counselor and DVD's.

DATES & LOCATION

In keeping with diocesan guidelines, couples are encouraged to attend this program a minimum of 3 months prior to their wedding

2020 Schedule

Program Dates	Registration Deadline
January 31 - February 1**	1/13/20
March 27 - 28	3/9/20
April 24 - 25	4/6/20
June 5 - 6	5/18/20
July 24 - 25	7/6/20
September 25 - 26	9/8/20
November 6 - 7	10/19/20

****This program will be held at a hotel in Tampa.** All others are held at Bethany Center in Lutz.

The address and additional information will be included in the confirmation letter that'll be sent to each email address provided.

All questions should be directed to deb@dosp.org or 727 - 341 - 6847.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ♦ Cost is **\$255.00 per couple**. Prior to the deadline a **non-refundable deposit of \$175** is due at time of registration - **\$80 balance is due at check-in**. The full amount can be paid in advance if you prefer. Meals, accommodations and program materials/costs are included. **A \$100 late fee applies to registrations after the deadline.**
- ♦ Send the completed registration to the address on the form with a check or money order payable to **Diocese of St. Petersburg**. **Cash deposits** must be hand delivered to: Bishop Larkin Pastoral Center - 6363 - 9th Avenue North - St. Petersburg. **Credit cards are not accepted.**
- ♦ Because we must adhere to our religious beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church, everyone is assigned a same-sex roommate. Due to space limitations, single accommodations are not available.
- ♦ No couple is denied attending due to lack of funds. Those with financial difficulties should contact deb@dosp.org for further discussion.
- ♦ Registrations are processed in the order received and **subject to availability at that time**. **Written confirmation will be emailed to each address provided.**
- ♦ If you don't hear from us within **2 weeks** of mailing your registration, please contact our office.
- ♦ Postponement without penalty **MAY** be possible with a minimum notice of **21 days** prior to the originally scheduled date. Those who postpone with less notice and wish to reschedule must resubmit the deposit.

A HELPFUL SUGGESTION...

Payment isn't processed unless we're 100% sure we can accommodate you. Rather than checking on availability it's better to just submit the registration form and payment. The time spent waiting for a response is time that your paperwork could be on its way to our office. When space is limited, this can make a difference between whether or not we can accommodate you. Once reserved all penalties apply as indicated in this brochure and the confirmation letter that'll be sent to each e-mail address provided.

Journey to Matrimony 2020

A Comprehensive Preparation Program For First Marriages

Marriages that last a lifetime demand love, loyalty, forgiveness, and God's grace!

A Wedding is a Day...



A Marriage is Lifetime!

*Office of Marriage & Family Life
Diocese of St. Petersburg*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

◆ **Check-in begins Friday evening at 5:45 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:15.** We will end Saturday evening no later than 8:30 p.m.

◆ This experience requires couples to stay at the facility.

◆ Dress is casual and comfortable.

◆ Each couple receives a certificate of completion providing the bride and groom were both present for the entire program. Make sure your schedules are free of other commitments before submitting the registration form and payment.

◆ This program meets or exceeds the requirements of the Common Guidelines set forth by all Dioceses in Florida as well as Florida Statute 741.0305.

◆ Regardless of age or circumstances, we are unable to accommodate children. Please make arrangements for their care (and your pets) while you're with us.

◆ **NOTE:** This program is intended for those entering marriage for the first time. Regardless of length or circumstances, if either party was previously married the diocese recommends participation in the **Remarriage Program**. If this option wasn't discussed, before submitting your registration, contact the priest or deacon you're working with to see if this is a more suitable option for completing this phase of your sacramental preparation.

If you have any questions please contact:

Office Marriage & Family Life

Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To ensure a faster response
Email is the best way to contact us!

Email: deb@adosp.org

Phone: 727-341-6847

Hand delivered registrations can be brought to:

*Bishop Larkin Pastoral Center
6363 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg 33710*

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete, detach and submit form prior to deadline with non-refundable deposit of \$175.00 made payable to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Mail to: Journey to Matrimony, Office of Marriage & Family Life, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 - 0200.

PLEASE...PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Bride's Information:

How do you want your name to appear on the below two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____ State _____
 Parish you attend _____ City _____
 Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from climbing stairs _____ Yes _____ No _____
 List any medically necessary dietary restrictions _____

Groom's Information:

How do you want your name to appear on the below two items:

Name tag _____ Certificate _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ Religion _____ State _____
 Parish you attend _____ City _____
 Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from climbing stairs _____ Yes _____ No _____
 List any medically necessary dietary restrictions _____

General Information:

Priest/Deacon assisting with your marriage preparation _____
 At which parish _____ State _____
 Church of Wedding _____ City _____
 Priest /Deacon doing the wedding _____
 Wedding Date _____
 Have either of you been previously married? Yes No
 Program Date Requested 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

OFFICE USE

Amount: _____ No. _____
 E-mail: _____ Mail: _____

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