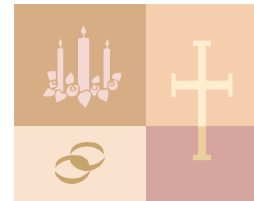


Together in God's Image

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Retreat



A special weekend-retreat adaptation of our 4-session marriage preparation series, the "Together in God's Image" retreat focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the Church. The weekend includes talks on faith, communication, sexuality, and stewardship in the context of Catholic marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to engage in conversation, self-reflection, and journaling on these topics. Mass is usually celebrated at 11:00 AM on Sunday.

*(**This program is now being offered in many parishes. Be sure to check with your parish before registering for the diocesan program.)*

2010 dates: Jan.8-10, May 7-9, Jul. 30-Aug.1, Nov. 19-21
Time: From Friday at 8 PM (7:15 check-in) to Sunday at Noon.
Location: Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Belton TX (approximately 1 hour north of Austin)

Directions to Cedarbrake: From Interstate 35, take the 6th Ave. exit in Belton (also marked as the exit for Mary Hardin Baylor University). Go west on 6th Avenue until it intersects with Hwy. 317 (North Main Street). Turn right at the light on Hwy 317. Cedarbrake is 3.4 miles on the west (left) of Hwy 317. The entrance is marked by large signs.

Cost: The cost of the weekend is \$295 per couple. This includes two nights lodging, meals throughout the weekend, and all texts and supplies. This fee is due with the registration form (see below) at least two months (60 days) prior to the weekend.

Other Information: Due to the nature of this retreat, separate sleeping facilities are required for men and women. Please note that this will be the case even if the couple is already civilly married. Participants will share a room with one other same-sex attendee. Couples should pack separately. Bring casual clothing that will be comfortable. Jeans, shorts, T-shirts and tennis shoes are acceptable. Bedding, pillows, towels and pump soap are provided in each room, but you may wish to bring bar soap, shampoo, and an extra pillow.

Be sure to bring an alarm clock! No alcohol should be brought to the retreat. We ask that any valuables be left at home, including video games, CD/DVD players, MP3 players, etc. - this is a getaway for the two of you in natural surroundings - enjoy it!

For more information, contact Lynda DeGroot at the Diocese of Austin Office of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life: lynda-degroot@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2495.

2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Fiancée's Name _____

Religious Preference _____

Religious Preference _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Priest/Deacon with whom you are working to prepare: _____

Name of your parish: _____ Wedding Date (if set) _____

____ Please check here if you have already taken the PMI, FOCCUS or PREPARE assessment or if you have made arrangements to take it through your parish. (Note: All couples preparing for marriage in this diocese must take one of these assessments prior to attendance at the retreat.)

Circle preferred date: **January 8-10** **May 7-9** **July 30-August 1** **November 19-21**

Registrations should be postmarked no later than two months before the retreat you wish to attend. These retreats generally fill up 60-90 days in advance. Please enclose a check or money order for \$295, payable to Diocese of Austin. Please note that cancellations that occur one month to 5 days prior to the retreat will result in a \$100 cancellation fee applied against refunds. Registration fees cannot be refunded if cancellation is 4 days or less before the retreat date. **Mail completed registration and check to: Diocese of Austin, Office of Catholic Family Counseling and Family Life, P.O. Box 15405, Austin, TX 78761-5405.