

Marriage Preparation



St. Margaret Mary
Catholic Church
Omaha, NE



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Marriage Preparation at St. Margaret Mary's

1 Contact your parish to begin the marriage preparation process. You will have an initial meeting with a priest to establish your freedom to marry, finalize a wedding date, and, in this initial meeting, the priest will also go over the steps to prepare for marriage. Please contact the SMM office at 402-558-2255.

2 Complete the **FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory** by registering at foccusinventory.com/register/archomaha/foccus or scan the QR code below.





*“Marriage is the most beautiful thing that God has created.”
Pope Francis*

3 The Priest and a Foccus Facilitator Couple will schedule times with you to go over your Foccus Inventory (Generally, 4-5 one-hour sessions).



4 Choose a mentor couple that will meet with you six times.

- Notify your priest of whom you have chosen.
- Couple must be married at least 5 years and be a practicing Catholic
- Cannot be of immediate relation, i.e., parents or siblings.

5 Introduction to Natural Family Planning
Schedule with **Gerianne Jensen**, BS, CFCP.
Please reach her at **402-505-8917**

6 Register for a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend by searching online for either:

“Archomaha Catholic Engaged Encounter”

OR

“Lincoln Catholic Engaged Encounter”

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)

This retreat offers an opportunity to share a weekend with other engaged couples and spend time in private reflection with your fiancé, led by a team of married couples and clergy. \$250-\$405 (covers lodging & meals) Offered in Schuyler and Waverly, Nebraska.

Want More?

Online Programs

These programs are optional and are not required to complete marriage preparation at SMM. They can be taken at your own pace, and session videos on the theology of marriage and practical life skills are interspersed with discussion questions and activities.

Smartloving Engaged

\$90 per couple.

Requires 9-15 hours to complete.

Includes free access to a sponsor couple.

Joy-Filled Marriage

\$210 per couple.

Requires 8-10 hours to complete.

To register for any of these opportunities, go to archomaha.org/marriageprep/

Archdiocese of Omaha Marriage Preparation Policies

- Engaged couples must allow a minimum of 6 months' preparation time before the scheduled wedding date. However, it is recommended that you prepare for your wedding at least 8 – 12 months prior to your wedding day.
- If either of you will be less than 19 years of age on the date you plan to marry, a wedding date will not be set until the preparation process is completed.
- If either of you has been previously married and civilly divorced, a written decree of nullity (annulment) is required prior to registering for marriage preparation.



Costs associated with Marriage Preparation

- FOCCUS Inventory: \$30
- Witness to Love-Mentoring Materials: \$115 (Paid to SMM)
- Introduction to Natural Family Planning: \$48
- Catholic Engaged Encounter: \$250-\$405

Total: \$443-\$598



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