

To the Bride and Groom

You are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and most serious, a union which was established by God himself. By it, he gave man and woman a share in the greatest work of creation, the work of the continuation of the human race. In this way, he sanctified human love and enabled man and woman to help each other live as children of God, by sharing a common life under His Fatherly care.

--From the Roman Missal

A Prayer for the Bride and Groom

All powerful, ever-living God, we now kneel before you very happy, but somewhat nervous. We feel you brought us together in the beginning, helped our love grow and at this moment are with us in a special way. We ask that you stay by our side in the days ahead. Protect us from anything which might harm this marriage, give us courage when burdens come our way, teach us to forgive one another when we fail. Amen.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for without me you can do nothing...

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. As the father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love...

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

--John 15

Preparing the way for the Sacrament of Marriage

*A Marriage Preparation Seminar serving the
Diocese of Bismarck.*

*Congratulations on your engagement!
During this time of preparation for the
Sacrament of Marriage may you be filled with
God's grace and blessings.*

*The Seminar gives engaged couples the
opportunity to study and understand the
richness and beauty of the teachings of the
Catholic Church on marriage and family. It is
designed to help couples to develop,
encourage, and enhance skills needed for a
loving lifetime relationship in Christian
marriage.*

*"The very preparation for Christian
marriage is itself a journey of faith. It is a
special opportunity for the engaged to
rediscover and deepen the faith received in
baptism and nourished by their Christian
upbringing. In this way they come to
recognize and freely accept their vocation to
follow Christ and to serve the Kingdom of God
in the married state."*

*--Pope John Paul II
The Role of the Christian
Family in the Modern World*

Tear off registration form
and mail to:

Joyce McDowall
Office of Family Ministry
P O Box 1137
Bismarck, ND 58502-1137
Ph. 701-222-3035
Toll-Free: 1-877-405-7435

(Registration fee is to be paid at the door.)

Program:

Friday: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM CT

Saturday: 12:00 AM to 9:00 PM CT

- Conclude with Mass and certificates.
- To receive a certificate, participants must attend ALL sessions. If you anticipate any conflicts, please select a different seminar date.
- Program consists of activities, presentations, group discussions, and couple exercises.
- Pre-registration is required 30 days in advance of weekend. Fee \$100.00 per couple to be paid at the door or \$120.00 per couple late fee if less than 30 days in advance.
- A confirmation letter will be sent to you confirming your date and providing relevant information.

Themes:

Affection and Sexuality
 Communication and Negotiation
 Creative Love, Children & Family
 Finances, Friends & Leisure Time
 Love in Married Life
 Natural Family Planning...
 Church Teaching and
 Introduction
 Sacrament and Spirituality

Questions:

Call Frank & Tracy Kraft, program coordinators at 701-223-3664

Preparing the Way for the Sacrament of Marriage

The Office of Family Ministry has developed the following checklist to ensure your preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church is as meaningful as it can be. May God bless your engagement and preparation.

- Pray and enjoy quiet moments together as a couple. Ask God to bless your relationship and thank God for the gift of each other.
- Make an appointment with your parish priest/deacon and set a tentative wedding date. Preview parish and diocesan policy.
- Meet with your priest/deacon to complete the necessary pre-nuptial questionnaire.
- Supply your priest/deacon with a current copy (issued within the past 6 months) of your baptismal certificate (if marrying outside of home parish).
- Take a pre-marital inventory.
- Meet with your priest, deacon, or sponsor couple. Discuss pre-marital inventory (approximately 4 meetings).
- Attend a Marriage Preparation Seminar. Plan to attend as far out from your wedding date as possible to best utilize the rich resources for your relationship.
- Meet with your priest, deacon, or parish staff to discuss details of the wedding celebration.
- Select Scripture readings, petitions and music.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to your wedding.

LOCATION:
Church of Corpus Christi
1919 N 2nd St
Bismarck, ND 58501

2009-2010
PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
30 days in advance of desired weekend!

	2010-2011 DATES	
Aug. 20-21, 2010	Mar. 18-19, 2011	
Sept. 24-25, 2010	Apr. 15-16, 2011	
Nov. 19-20, 2010	May. 20-21, 2011	
Jan. 14-15, 2011	June 17-18, 2011	
Feb. 18-19, 2011	Aug. 19-20, 2011	

GROOM:	Name _____	Age _____	BRIDE:	Name _____	Age _____
	Address _____			Address _____	
	City _____	Zip _____		City _____	Zip _____
	Phone _____			Phone _____	
	Parish/Religion _____			Parish/Religion _____	
	Date will attend _____			Parish to be married in _____	
	Approximate Date of Marriage _____			Pastor _____	

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 *Note: Late fee does not guarantee an opening!