



WATERLOO REGION MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Sponsored by the Roman Catholic parishes of the
Waterloo Region Deanery

2016 – 2017 Season

All courses conducted at:

St. Agnes Church Hall
75 Bluevale Street North
Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3R7

Limited enrolment **REGISTER IMMEDIATELY**

Register at least FOUR MONTHS before your chosen session. Like booking your wedding and hall, these dates fill quickly. You may not receive your first choice session. DO NOT WAIT. There are no sessions in June, July or August.

COURSE CONTENT

The Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course is designed to help you build a strong foundation for a successful and loving Christian marriage. The sessions include presentations by guest speakers, videos, small group discussions, and as-a-couple sharing. The course focuses on the following topics:

Communication	Intimacy, sex, and married sexuality
Finances	Family of origin and family patterns
Marriage as a sacramental covenant	

There are exercises to complete prior to attending the Course; these will be emailed to each of you.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The staff members of St. Agnes Church are not involved in the organization of the Marriage Preparation Course. Please **DO NOT call St. Agnes Church**. Direct all inquiries to **Kathy Fahey**, the coordinator of the course. There is no Marriage Preparation office. This is my home phone and home address.
- All courses are conducted at St. Agnes Church Hall; use the side door located off the parking lot.
- Weekend courses run from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on both **Saturday and Sunday**; light lunches are provided
- Attendance at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday is an integral part of the weekend course.
- Evening courses run from 7:15 – 10:00 p.m. for a **series of 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings**.
- Topics for Interfaith marriages will not be discussed at the regular marriage preparation course. There is a **choice** between two **additional sessions** for this purpose:
Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.
There is no additional fee for this session and it is required for Interfaith couples.

Contact:
Kathy Fahey, Coordinator
74 Arthur St. S., Elmira N3B 2N2
marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com
519-342-6618

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Your priest or deacon should **date and sign** the registration form.
2. **To ensure your acceptance into the course of your choice, register immediately. There is limited enrollment in each course and no courses are offered through **June, July, or August**. Choose a session date that works with your schedule. Provide a second choice in the event your first session choice is full. I will contact you by email if there are any issues regarding your choice.**
3. **Complete all information accurately and legibly**. Full information is required about the parish. Your email addresses are required to receive confirmation of registration and to send additional material for each couple to complete prior to attending the session.
4. **Registrations are not accepted by telephone or email**. They are accepted through regular mail on a first-received basis by: writing a **current dated cheque** (or get a money order) for the correct amount made out to "**Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course**". Send your payment with the completed registration form to:
 Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course
 74 Arthur St. S
 Elmira, Ontario N3B 2N2
5. Confirmation of your payment and course session acceptance will be emailed to you. Please adjust your email settings to accept messages from marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com Once your course is confirmed, make any necessary arrangements to attend; arrange the necessary time away from work - please inform employers, if necessary.
6. The Initial Steps Booklet will be sent to each of you via email. This is to be completed before attending the course.
7. A minimum of two weeks' notice will be required for you to change course dates.

Course Sessions 2016-2017				Interfaith Session
Course	Date	Cost	Outside Waterloo Deanery	The Interfaith Sessions are held for couples with mixed faith backgrounds and focus on handling situations with family as well as each other in regards to your upcoming wedding and future married life. This is an additional session for couples in which only one individual is Catholic. There are two sessions to choose from.
1	September 24 & 25, 2016	\$130.00	\$180.00	
2	October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2016	\$130.00	\$180.00	
Interfaith	November 15, 2016	N/C	N/C	
3	November 26 & 27, 2016	\$130.00	\$180.00	
4	January 21 & 22, 2017	\$130.00	\$180.00	
5	February 25 & 26, 2017	\$130.00	\$180.00	
6	March 25 & 26, 2017	\$130.00	\$180.00	
Interfaith	April 11, 2017	N/C	N/C	
7	April 22 & 23, 2017	\$130.00	\$180.00	
8	May 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2017	\$130.00	\$180.00	

NOTE:

- Courses are NOT offered in June, July, or August. The new season begins in September.
- If you are being married outside of the Waterloo Deanery, there is an additional fee of \$50.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Carefully choose the course that you are able to attend; be prepared to complete follow-up material between sessions.
- Register as soon as you book your wedding date with your church, or sooner.
- Attend a session at least six months prior to your wedding.
- Special food requests will be considered, but not guaranteed. You know your needs, attend to them if you have concerns.

Register immediately for a course. Like booking a hall for your wedding, dates and space are limited. The courses fill up far in advance of sessions, so choose dates that work for you, and register now. Once you receive confirmation, and **make appropriate arrangements to attend**.



REGISTRATION FORM

Separate this page and send to:

WATERLOO REGION MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

**C/O Kathy Fahey, Coordinator
74 Arthur St. S,
Elmira Ontario N3B 2N2**

marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com 519- 342-6618

Instructions:

The priest or deacon conducting the pastoral preparation for marriage should sign this form, print the current date, and fill in the parish information. It is the responsibility of the engaged couple to register for the course immediately.

Celebrant and Signature _____

Date Couple Receive this form _____

Name of Parish	_____	If wedding is at a different parish: Name of Parish	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City	_____	City	_____
Postal Code	_____	Postal Code	_____
Phone	_____	Phone	_____

If two parishes are involved, which parish is conducting the Pastoral Preparation? _____

GROOM'S Name	_____	BRIDE'S NAME	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
City and Postal Code	_____	City and Postal Code	_____
Phone	_____	Phone	_____
Email (print clearly)	_____	Email (print clearly)	_____
Religion	_____	Religion	_____

OUR WEDDING DATE: _____

For couples in which one of the individuals is <u>not</u> Catholic, there is an additional session. Indicate which session you will attend: Tuesday November 15, 2016, 7:30-10:00:_____ Tuesday April 11, 2017, 7:30-10:00:_____	
We understand that enrollment is limited and registration is accepted on a first come basis by mailing the registration form and payment. We have done our best to register four months prior to our session choice and at least six months before our wedding. Cost of the course per couple (weekends or Tuesday evenings): \$130.00 If our wedding is outside of the Waterloo Deanery, we understand the cost is \$180.00	
We have enclosed a current dated cheque in the amount of _____	
Session Dates First Choice _____	Second Choice _____