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DIOCESAN CENTRE
FOR MARRIAGE, LIFE
AND FAMILY

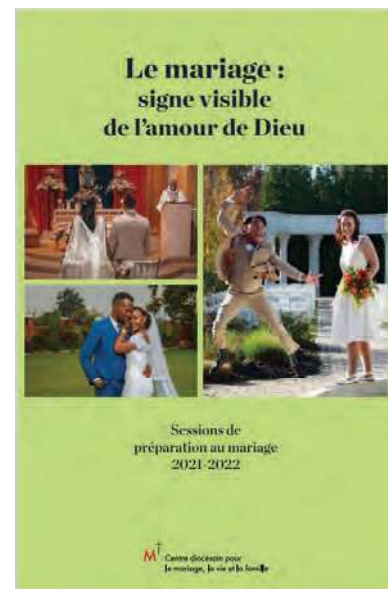
Marriage Preparation

The *Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family* reaches out not only to couples who are seeking formation in preparation for their marriage, but also to priests and pastoral team members looking for resources in order to help better accompany couples who come to them for support.

We publish an **annual booklet** containing information of practical use for couples and for any association offering marriage preparation in the Diocese of Montreal. This year, we have distributed **over 1,000 booklets** throughout our parishes.

We have **extended our program** in order to allow couples to take more time to work together and really digest the material. Instead of meeting for one intensive weekend, they had eight meetings in one month that lasted three hours each.

Couples had an overall positive reaction to this change, which gave them more time for dialogue and to formulate questions. They also came to know each other and the volunteer mentor couples better. Once the course was finished, they came away with a new **sense of belonging** to the Church.



Marriage preparation booklet



Our Marriage preparation team:

Fr. Peter Sabbath, Pavel and Katerina Chrobak, Talitha Cere and Brian Traynor, Bridget Bagshaw and Carlo Santaguida, Fr. Gilles Surprenant, Ellen Roderick, Julie Waters and her son, Lee.

Absent: Carole Atallah and Kevin Shanahan, Josie Campisi and Steven Hartley



The video we prepared this year to welcome and introduce couples to the program!

368
views

« Thanks to both of you for the support and advice you provided us in our situation. The fact that you are always there for us is very important to us. You can't imagine the impact you have had on our lives, and I'm sure it is the same for the other couples who have had the opportunity to take part in the preparation for marriage courses that you give. Thank you again; you have made a huge difference for us. We can't wait to share our wedding photos with you!!! All the best to your family. »

- Cassandra and Gino

157

couples
préparés
au mariage

« This is an excellent marriage preparation course that will make you think about aspects that you have never considered regarding your union, your relationship and your future together. »

- A participant



« Bridget and Carlo are warm and accessible. They made the course easy and welcoming. I would certainly recommend this course to a friend. »

- A participant

« The values and points of view of the Church were presented clearly and with a strong emphasis on the importance and seriousness of the subject. The course is well-balanced, and the relaxed and enjoyable ambience is well-suited to young couples in today's society. It put everything into perspective very clearly. »

- A participant

Feedback from Participants

192

hours of
formation
(+41%)