



St. Agnes Cathedral

Marriage Preparation

As part of the preparation for the sacrament of Matrimony, couples are expected to participate in Pre-Cana and to receive the Sacrament of Penance before their wedding day.

Pre-Cana should be completed six months prior to your wedding. After completing Pre-Cana, the certificate should be submitted to the Saint Agnes Cathedral Rectory to be placed in your file.

1. Diocese of Rockville Centre Pre-Cana

Diocesan Pre-Cana meets at various parish sites on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30PM.

Cost: \$200 per couple.

Register online at: <https://www.drvc-faith.org/marriage-preparation-and-foccus-registration/>

2. Online Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana completed online using “CatholicMarriagePrep.com” is usually completed in three to six weeks. This option offers online, on-demand instruction rooted in Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, combined with personalized mentoring from a trained married couple, which helps engaged couples build a foundation for a strong, healthy, Christ-centered marriage.

Cost: \$239 per couple.

Register online at: www.CatholicMarriagePrep.com.

3. Engaged Encounter Weekend

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a community-based Catholic marriage preparation ministry based on Catholic teachings. The retreat is not group therapy, instead, it provides private one-on-one time for the couple to learn about each other and marriage based on five major themes: The Family we Grew Up In, Sacramental Marriage, Communication, Intimacy, and Values.

The engaged encounter weekends are held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York from Saturday at 8:00 AM to Sunday at 2:00 PM.

Cost: \$430 per couple (Includes overnight accommodations)

Register online at: www.longisland.engagedencounter.com

4. Pre-Cana Hosted by a Diocesan Parish

You may participate in Pre-Cana at any parish of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn, or the Archdiocese of New York.