Positive
A uniquely pro-active approach that helps the engaged couple gain confidence and control over their future.

Comfortable
The warmth of a home setting is the best place for couples to learn.

Personal
The engaged address their unique relationship with the assistance, affection, and undivided attention of their personal mentors.

Flexible
The engaged couple and their mentors adjust their schedules with each other.

Relevant
Rich Catholic teaching communicated in language that illuminates its benefits and makes sense to modern couples.

Practical
Experiential skill building and insights into relationships combine with opportunities to put into practice what will help the relationship grow.

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“This program was incredible! On a scale of 1-10, with 10 as the most helpful marriage preparation, we would rate this program 110!”

“In every session, I took something away that was life altering!”

“The overall impact of Preparing to Live in Love on our relationship was extremely positive. It was much more helpful, thought provoking, personal, practical, and relevant than traditional marriage preparation.”

“This was a wonderful experience, and I was so sad when it was over. I recommend it to everyone I know.”

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“Clear insights, practical life skills, and a compelling vision of the truth that we can live in love for a lifetime.”

Topics

A MISSION TO LOVE
an invitation to approach marriage as a pro-active mission to live in love; an affirmation of the gifts of masculinity and femininity as resources to help the couple embrace a life of other-centered generosity

SMART LOVING
discovering how to love the way the other wants to be loved while freeing the couple from the limitations of expectations formed primarily in their families of origin

COMMUNICATING FOR INTIMACY
learning how to build intimacy and trust while avoiding misunderstanding through feeling level communication and empathetic listening

SEX AS SACRED BODY LANGUAGE
explores love making as the ultimate body language of our wedding vows; witnesses to the total gift of self inherent in Natural Family Planning and its positive impact on relationship

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
illuminating the call of the church to live a deeply sexual, passionate, intimate, and life-giving relationship as a sign and manifestation of Christ’s love for the Church for the sake of those around us

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING
principles, processes, and practices for growing closer through forgiveness and healing along with strategies to combat emotional injuries from outside the relationship

BECOMING A COUPLE
developing couple values and strategies for couple decision making while planning for a lifetime of intentionally growing in love

Parish based mentoring

builds relationships within the parish community that continue after the wedding. The engaged are literally hugged into the church and gain a resource to return to as they succeed or struggle through the early years of adjusting to married life.

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