

# LIFE CHOICE

(PRE-CANA) DAY RETREAT

## 2018 LIFE CHOICE DATES

- January 6
- February 3
- March 10
- March 24
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16
- August 11
- September 15
- October 13
- November 10

**SATURDAYS** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**COST** \$110 per Couple

## LIFE CHOICE WEEKENDS FILL UP!

**WE ASK FOR TWO DATES:** If your 1st choice is not available, your 2nd choice will be used automatically.

If there is only one date that fits into your schedule, we recommend that you register well in advance of that date.

A confirmation card will be mailed to the woman's address and emailed to both parties within a few days of receiving your registration.

A letter and email will also be sent about 10 days prior to your confirmed Life Choice date with more information.

**Mail check (or M.O.) payable to:**  
Diocese of Baton Rouge

**Send with this completed registration to:**  
Life Choice  
Marriage & Family Life Office  
P.O. Box 2028  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

# 2018 MARRIAGE

Man's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you divorced or widowed? \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Who do they reside with? \_\_\_\_\_

*"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God and a great act of faith toward other human beings."*

- Saint Pope John Paul II

### Cancellations:

Please call 225-242-0323/ M-F 9-4:30pm as soon as you know you will not be able to make your scheduled weekend

For more information, call the Marriage & Family Life Office at 225-242-0323  
M-F: 9am-4:30pm

# PREPARATION

Woman's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you divorced or widowed? \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Who do they reside with? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiating Priest's Name, Church Parish &

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**List 1st & 2nd choice of dates to attend Life Choice**

1st \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

# MARRIAGE PROGRAMS

BEFORE, DURING & AFTER



**DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE**  
2018



**Office of Marriage & Family Life**  
**Catholic Life Center**

1800 S. Acadian Thruway  
P.O. Box 2028 . Baton Rouge, LA 70821  
Ph. 225-242-0323  
Fax 225-336-8731

Marriage Guidelines and Marriage & Family Life  
Programs Brochure online at  
[www.mfldiobr.org/marriage-preparation](http://www.mfldiobr.org/marriage-preparation)

# PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

## FOR DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE.

- The couple must contact the parish priest or deacon at least **SIX** months prior to their tentative wedding date.
- The couple will take a **premarital inventory** such as the FOCCUS or PREPARE. This highlights areas of personal and relational strength and possible growth.
- The couple must register for and attend a **pre-marriage preparation program**. The earlier this is done, the better.  
**Approved programs include:**
  - Life Choice (Pre-Cana)
  - Engaged Encounter Weekend
  - Re-Marriage Preparation (for previously married)
- During subsequent meetings with the priest, deacon, or official lay minister the couple **reviews the basic doctrines** of the Catholic Church regarding marriage.
- Weddings must be held **in a church**. In Catholic Churches, weddings (with or without Mass) are not scheduled from 3:00pm on Saturdays (and the vigils of holy days) or on Sundays (or holy days).

# 2018 MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMS

## LIFE CHOICE (Pre-Cana)

(Large group program)

Life Choice is a one day marriage preparation retreat held on one Saturday a month for 10 months of the year from 9am-4:30pm at the Catholic Life Center. It combines presentations with personal reflection and couple dialogue.

**Cost:** \$110 per Couple

**Location:** 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge

### REGISTER ONLINE:

[www.mfldiobr.org/marriage-preparation](http://www.mfldiobr.org/marriage-preparation)

Or

### COMPLETE MAIL-IN REGISTRATION ON BACK

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

(Pre-Cana—An Overnight Program)

A weekend retreat program where couples are free from the interruptions of day-to-day life to concentrate on couple communications in preparation for marriage.

**Dates:** • January 26-28 • June 22-24  
• March 2-4 • August 17-19  
• April 20-22 • November 16-18

**Cost:** \$260 per Couple

**Make check (or M.O.) payable to**  
Catholic Engaged Encounter

### Mail to:

Catholic Engaged Encounter  
Linda & Eddie McClure  
5368 Kennesaw, Baton Rouge, LA 70817  
225-337-2214 [www.CEEofBR.org](http://www.CEEofBR.org)

## RE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Private sessions with a mentoring couple

**Contact:** Deacon Benjamin & Vera Dunbar  
225-324-2939 or 225-324-5808  
vera717@cox.net

or

Karen & Dwayne Vidrine  
225-937-6826 or 225-229-2476  
adisneymom@cox.net

**Cost:** \$20 for workbooks

**Mail check (or M.O.) payable to:**  
Diocese of Baton Rouge

**Send with completed registration form on back to:**

Marriage & Family Life Office  
Diocese of Baton Rouge  
P.O. Box 2028  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

This program is designed to make a good marriage better—a weekend experience with reflection and sharing with your partner.

**Dates:** • April 27-29 • July 27-29  
• October 12-14

**Application Fee:** \$75 per couple (Donations Requested)

**Location:** Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center

**Contact:** Jack & Angel LaBate  
470-297-8560  
678-232-0080  
1-800-586-5469  
[www.LAMS-WWME.org](http://www.LAMS-WWME.org)

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning, or NFP, is a method of postponing or achieving pregnancy by observing the changes in a woman's body that naturally indicate her time of fertility and using the information accordingly.

**CONTACT:** Danielle Van Haute at 225-242-0323 or go to [www.mfldiobr.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.mfldiobr.org/natural-family-planning) for more info, including local teachers

## RETRouvaille

This program is designed to help troubled marriages. A specialized couple peer ministry weekend experience with six follow-up sessions. No couple is ever denied registration due to financial difficulties.

**Dates:** • March 16-18  
• September 7-9

**Location:** BR: Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center

**Cost:** \$150 per Couple

**Contact:** Randall & Robin Bellard  
225-271-4092 or 225-993-2443  
[www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)  
[www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org)

## DIVORCED & SEPARATED MINISTRY

An eight part series for divorced and separated adults entitled "Journey of Hope" based on the book, *Catholic, Divorced, Now What?* Eight Sunday Sessions from 2:30pm-5pm.

**Dates & Locations:** TBD

**Cost:** \$50 (Limit: 30 participants)

**Contact:** Angela Falgoust  
225-343-6657 ext 3031  
225-278-7321 (cell)  
afalgoust@stalloysiusparish.com