

# Catholic Marriage Preparation Weekend

Dear Engaged Couple,

Christian Marriage is a vocation to love and serve God through life-long commitment to your spouse, with whom you share your entire being and life.

Marriage as a Sacrament has three essential qualities: permanence, fidelity and fruitfulness. To fully agree with the teaching of God is not done blindly or without knowledge, but only after much discussion and mature thought between the two persons involved. The input, reflection and shared experiences of others help the discernment process. A Marriage Preparation Retreat is designed to acquaint you more fully with the teaching of the Church on marriage, to offer you the experience of married couples, and to help you see the challenge of your future life as a couple. Through emphasizing the reality and responsibility of the Sacrament of Marriage, we hope to assist you in overcoming many of the pitfalls that may be encountered in married life.

The weekend is hosted by interested and dedicated married couples who, with the clergy, are willing to give freely of their time and energy to assist you in making the best possible preparation for your marriage.

Subjects that will be covered on the weekend are:

Marriage Today	Legal Aspects of Marriage
Wedding Ceremony (Liturgy)	Inter-denominational Marriage
Church's Teaching on Marriage	Family Planning
Financial Management	Parenting
Communication and Conflict Resolution	

You will be given the opportunity to discuss each subject in a small group. Hopefully the presentations will challenge you and increase the quality of communication in your relationship. Another purpose of the Retreat is to point out many of the resources that are available in the community even after you are married.

Our prayers and best wishes go with you,  
*The Marriage Preparation Team*

**COURSE DATE: March 2 and 3, 2018** at Holy Rosary Parish, 169 North Park Street, Belleville

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

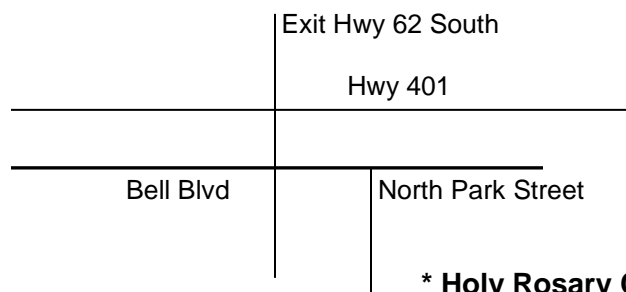
### FRIDAY March 2, 2017

6:00pm	Sign-in
9:30pm	Dismissal

### SATURDAY March 3, 2017

8:15am	Arrival (coffee & muffins provided)
12:15pm	Lunch (included in fee)
4:30pm	Mass
5:30pm	Certificates and Closing

Please fill out the registration form and send it to St. Francis of Assisi Parish office ([assisi@sympatico.ca](mailto:assisi@sympatico.ca)).  
**Please direct all enquiries to Donna at St. Francis parish at 613-398-6745 – not to Holy Rosary Parish**  
Please keep this sheet for your information.



**\* Holy Rosary Church**

Completed forms and fee must be received at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**P.O. Box 339, Frankford, ON K0K 2C0 (fax: 613-398-0283) by February 15, 2018.**