

Weekend Program *Living God's Love*

Times: Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost of the Program: \$130 per couple

Dates and Locations:

2012

January 13-14 University of Saint Thomas

February 17-18 University of Saint Thomas

March 23-24 University of Saint Thomas

April 13-14 University of Saint Thomas

May 11-12 University of Saint Thomas

June 15-16 University of Saint Thomas

Please check the website for availability
and future dates

Evening Program

Times: Five Tuesday nights from

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost of the Program: \$100 per couple

Dates and Location:

March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 2012

The Evening Program will be held at the

Monsignor Hayden Center,

328 West Kellogg Boulevard, in St. Paul.

To register:

Visit: www.archspm.org/

[departments/marriage](http://www.archspm.org/departments/marriage)

If you do not have internet access

please call 651-291-4553

Confirmation:

After your registration is processed you will receive an e-mail confirmation with directions, location and program details. All registrations are based on space availability. Registration closes one week prior to each scheduled program

Although this program is specifically designed for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church, all faiths are welcome to attend.



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Raphael (1483 – 1520). *Betrothal of the Virgin.*
Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan Italy

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The Sacrament of Marriage

*A Marriage Preparation Program
Serving St. Paul, Minneapolis
and the surrounding dioceses
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The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As you prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, may this time be filled with God's grace and blessings.

In order to help you fully prepare to live out your God-given vocation as husband and wife, you and your future spouse are invited to attend **LIVING GOD'S LOVE: The Sacrament of Marriage**, a marriage preparation program serving the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis and surrounding dioceses. Offering either a weekend program or evening series, **LIVING GOD'S LOVE** is designed to help you prepare as a couple for the Sacrament of Matrimony and to reflect on the beauty and richness of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family. This important preparation provides you with opportunities to spend time as an engaged couple discussing various topics vital to your marriage.

In his pastoral letter on marriage and family, Archbishop Harry J. Flynn reminds each of us how important it is to understand the great dignity of this vocation: *"Through such marriages, we will be blessed, since they will provide a clear and shining sign of the love and fidelity of Jesus Christ for His people."* (A Pastoral Letter on Marriage and the Family, February 8, 1998)

sharing a
common life

What to Expect...

- **Presentations** given by priests, educators and others who will share the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on the...
 - Sacrament of Marriage
 - Gift of Self, Intimacy and Children
 - Natural Family Planning
- Specific **"how to" ideas** from truly vibrant married couples
- **Time to discuss** the topics and reflect on how they apply to you
- **Suggestions** for nurturing your faith
- An opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and attend **Mass**
- **Meals** served at the *Weekend Program* are included in the cost
- **Learn to improve** in areas such as communication, time management and financial planning

To the Bride and Groom:

You are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and most serious, a union which was established by God himself. By it, He gave man and woman a share in the greatest work of creation, the work of the continuation of the human race. In this way, He sanctified human love and enabled man and woman to help each other live as children of God, by sharing a common life under His Fatherly care.

from the Roman Missal

The Weekend and Evening Programs...

The **LIVING GOD'S LOVE** marriage preparation program is offered in two different formats: the **Weekend Program** and the **Evening Program**. The **Weekend Program**, the most preferred format, begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and concludes at 9:30 p.m. We resume on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. after Mass. The cost includes lunch on Saturday.

The **Evening Program** is for couples who are unable to attend the weekend program. The Tuesday night series meets for five consecutive weeks. The evening class is held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This program is offered only in the spring.

Please see the reverse side for schedules and locations.

"Love causes a man to find fulfillment through the sincere gift of self...By its very nature the gift of the person must be lasting and irrevocable. The indissolubility of marriage flows...from the very essence of that gift: the gift of one person to another person. This reciprocal giving of self reveals the spousal nature of love. In their marital consent the bride and groom call each other by name: 'I...take you...as my wife (as my husband) and I promise to be true to you...for all the days of my life.'"

Pope John Paul II
Letter to Families
Section 11

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