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TIL ADAPTATIONS OVERVIEW

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
MC	MC Opening	TOTAL: 45 min	Minor adaptations Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)
1	Self-Knowledge	Presentation: 33 min Couple Activity: 17 min Personal Takeaway / Couple Reflection: 10 min TOTAL: 60 min	No adaptations
2	Communication	Presentation: 30 min Couple Activity: 20 min TOTAL: 50 min	Adaptations - New Opening Activity - Usage of a MAGNET in TLC - Instructions for the TLC Role Play - Instructions for the TLC engaged couple's practice
3	Expectations	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 20 min TOTAL: 40 min	Minor adaptations - All activities now at the end - Closing activity: separate couples for first half of time then instruct them to reunite to share and discuss
4	What is Love?	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 15 min TOTAL: 30 min	No adaptations
5	God is Love	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 30 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)
6	What is Marriage?	Presentation: 25 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 35 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)
7	The Sacrament of Matrimony	Presentation: 10 min Witness: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 35 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)
8	The Rite of Marriage	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 25 min	Minor adaptations - Read actual parts of the Rite of Marriage - Two deletions - More time for couple reflection
9	Finances	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 15 min TOTAL: 35 min	Minor adaptations Moved activity; removed reference to specific financial resources
10	Five Spiritual Practices	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 25 min	No adaptations; two recommendations
11	The Mass	TOTAL: 90 min	Include full Teaching Mass
12	Marital Sexuality	Marital Sexuality: 15 min Family Planning: 15 min Witness Presentation: 15 min Individual Reflection and Couple Reflection throughout: 25 min TOTAL: 65 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)
13	We are on a Mission	Presentation: 15 min Letter writing: 15 min TOTAL: 30 min	No adaptations
MC	MC Wrap-Up	TOTAL: 45 min	Minor adaptations Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)

TOTAL: 10 hrs 25 min
WITH BREAKS: 16 hours

SAMPLE Day 1 Schedule (Adapt as needed)				
<i>Note: Engaged Couples expect to be here until 5:30pm. If it looks like you might finish early, don't let them know until the end.</i>				
Time	Length	Topic Number	Topic Title	Presenter(s)
8:00am			Team Arrives	
8:30am			Engaged Couples Arrive	
WELCOME: 45 minutes				
9:00-9:45	45 min	MC	Welcome/Survey	
TOPIC 1: 60 minutes				
9:45 -10:18	33 min	1	Self-Knowledge Presentation	
10:18-10:35	17 min	1	Self-Knowledge Activity (interspersed in presentation)	
10:35-10:45	10 min	1	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
10:45-10:55	10 min	Break		
TOPIC 2: 50 minutes				
10:55-11:25	30 min	2	Communication Presentation	
11:25-11:35	10 min	2	Communication Couple Activity	
11:35-11:45	10 min	2	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
TOPIC 3: 40 minutes				
11:45-12:05	20 min	3	Expectations Presentation	
12:05-12:15	10 min	3	Expectations Couple Activity--separate at first	
12:15-12:25	10 min	3	Couple Discussion	
12:25-12:30	5 min	MC	Gather everyone together for lunch instructions	
LUNCH: 45 minutes / SMALL GROUPS: 15 minutes				
12:30-1:15	45 min	Lunch	Lunch & discuss Topic 3 Answers	
1:15-1:30	15 min	Small Groups	Sharing of Personal Takeaways/Couple Reflections	
TOPIC 4: 30 minutes				
1:30-1:45	15 min	4	What is Love? Presentation	
1:45-2:00	15 min	4	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
2:00-2:10	10 min	Break		
TOPIC 5: 30 minutes				
2:10-2:30	20 min	5	God is Love Presentation	
2:30-2:40	10 min	5	Couple Take Away & Reflection	
2:40-2:55	15 min	Break		
TOPIC 5: 35 minutes				
2:55-3:20	25 min	6	What is Marriage? Presentation	
3:20-3:30	10 min	6	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
3:30-3:40	10 min	Break		
TOPIC 6: 35 minutes				
3:40-3:50	10 min	7	Sacrament of Matrimony Presentation	
3:50-4:05	15 min	7	Sacrament of Matrimony Witness	
4:05-4:15	10 min	7	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
DAY 1 WRAP-UP: 45 minutes				
4:15-4:25	10 min	MC	Day 1 Large Group Review	
4:25-4:40	15 min	MC	Day 1 Small Group Sharing Take-Aways	
4:40-4:50	10 min	MC	Day 1 Large Group Sharing Take-Aways Sharing	
4:50-5:00	10 min	MC	Reminders for Day 2 & Closing Prayer	
5:00- 5:30pm	There is a 30-minute buffer in case extra time is needed. Make sure to end by 5:30pm.			

SAMPLE Day 2 Schedule (Adapt as needed)				
Note: Engaged Couples expect to be here until 5:30pm. If you finished early Day 1, manage expectations at the start of the day by reminding them that you end at 5:30pm today.				
8:00am			Team Arrives	
8:30am			Engaged Couples Arrive	
DAY 2 INTRO: 20 minutes				
9:00-9:20	20 min	MC	Welcome to Day 2	
TOPIC 8: 25 minutes				
9:20-9:45	15 min	8	The Rite of Marriage Presentation	
9:45-9:55	10 min	8	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
9:55-10:10	15 min	Break		
TOPIC 9: 35 minutes				
10:10-10:30	20 min	9	Finances Presentation	
10:30-10:45	15 min	9	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
10:45-11:00	15 min	Break		
TOPIC 10: 25 minutes				
11:00-11:15	15 min	10	5 Spiritual Practices Presentation	
11:15-11:25	10 min	10	Personal Takeaway/Couple Reflection	
11:25-11:45	20 min	MC	Small Group Sharing Program Take-Aways	
LUNCH: 45 minutes				
11:45-12:30	45 min	Lunch		
TOPIC 11: 1 hr 50 minutes				
12:30-12:35	5 min	11	Intro to Teaching Mass	
12:35-12:45	10 min	11	Walk to Church	
12:45-2:15	90 min	11	Teaching Mass	
2:15-2:25	10 min	11	Walk back and Break	
TOPIC 12: 65 minutes				
2:25-2:40	15 min	12	Marital Sexuality Presentation	
2:40-2:45	5 min	12	Personal Reflection	
2:45-3:00	15 min	12	FAM Presentation	
3:00-3:05	5 min	12	Personal Reflection	
3:05-3:20	15 min	12	FAM Witness	
3:20-3:30	10 min	12	Personal Reflection-separate men and women	
3:30-3:45	15 min	Break		
TOPIC 13: 30 minutes				
3:45-4:00	15 min	13	We are on a Mission Presentation	
4:00-4:15	15 min	13	Letter Writing	
PROGRAM WRAP-UP: 85 minutes				
4:15-4:25	10 min	MC	Day 2 Large Group Summary	
4:25-4:30	5 min	MC	Exhortation	
4:30-4:40	10 min	MC	Small Group Sharing Program Take-Aways	
4:40-4:50	10 min	MC	Large Group Program Take-Aways Sharing	
4:50-5:00	10 min	MC	Evals	
5:00-5:25	25 min	MC	Certificates	
5:25-5:30pm	5 min	MC	Closing Prayer	
Note: There is no extra time buffer included on day 2. Make sure to stay on schedule to end by 5:30pm.				

EMCEE ROLE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ADOM PRESENTERS

- Thank you for sharing your time and talents through marriage preparation ministry! Trust, pray, prepare, do your best, and let God do the rest 😊!
- **Before preparing and presenting, please read and follow the “*Tips for Presenting*” and “*Preparing and Sharing Your Witness*” on pages 20-21 in the *Leader Guide*.**
- Remember:
 1. ***Know your topic*** (be prepared) and ***stick to your topic*** (don't add material).
 2. ***Speak for yourself*** (not for your spouse). Share your own emotions, actions, and reactions (not your spouse's—let him or her speak for himself or herself).
 3. ***Honor your spouse (and others)***. Avoid sarcasm, jokes, or examples that belittle your spouse or others. If you are sharing a personal story that includes others (your spouse, in-laws, work colleagues, friends, etc.), always seek to honor and respect them. Imagine they are present and consider how they would feel if they heard what you were saying. Also, it is okay (and often helpful) to be honest about your own weaknesses and areas of growth (this shows humility and is usually inspiring to others) but avoid pointing out other's weaknesses.
 4. ***Be mindful of tone: Be positive, joyful, inviting, and smile often!*** Avoid words, phrases, or comments that either are or can come across as condescending, demeaning, political, judgmental, or preachy. An easy way to avoid sounding 'preachy' is by replacing the word “you” with “we/me//us” (both when reading material in the text that may include “you” or when sharing your own thoughts).

EMCEE ROLE

- ADOM has slightly adapted the Emcee Roll in the *Leader's Guide* with the material below. Please follow this *ADOM Guide*. Disregard the *Leader's Guide*. Copied here are all slides in the program so that you know how far a presenter is in their presentation.
- The emcee person or couple guides the entire program as it unfolds.
- This role should be filled by someone (or couple) who exudes warmth, energy, faithfulness, and who can manage the schedule well.
- The Emcee responsibilities are:
 - Manage the schedule, adjust where needed, and end on time!
 - Welcome everyone, introduce the team, cover housekeeping details, and give the introduction presentation.
 - Guide the program by weaving themes between topics and encouraging the participation and interaction among the attendees.
 - Introduce each topic and the presenter(s).
 - Give instructions for breaks, activities, meals, etc.
 - Open and close the sessions with prayer.
 - Present the Wrap Up at the end of the program, instruct couples to complete the Evaluation, and distribute the certificates of completion with the help of the team.

EMCEE WELCOME AND OPENING PRESENTATION

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
MC	MC Opening	TOTAL: 45 min	Minor adaptations Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)



ARRIVAL SLIDE

Have this slide projected while couples are arriving.

Announcements (to be repeated every 10-15 minutes as more couples arrive). Remember to smile 😊, be happy, welcoming, positive, etc.

Welcome:

- Welcome! We are happy you are here!

Start time:

- Thank you for arriving on time. We will begin as a group at...[add time].

Refreshments:

- In the meantime, please help yourself to...

Restrooms:

- The bathrooms are located...

Pre-program survey:

- Please complete the pre-program survey before we begin at [add time].
- This is an anonymous pre-program survey. We will also have an evaluation at the end of the program. These help us to get to know our audience and improve the program for the next time we run it.
- Both bride and groom need to complete the survey.
- Please scan the QR code.
- Please enter the code you received when you got here.

- Again, both bride and groom need to complete it before we begin at [add time] and we thank you for completing it.

About 5 minutes before the start time:

- We are going to start in 5 minutes.
- Last call for more food, coffee, to use the restrooms, etc.
- Also, please make sure to complete the survey before we start in 5 minutes.



INTRODUCTIONS & HOUSEKEEPING

Adapt as needed for your program.

Welcome the engaged couples to (name of parish)
Transformed in Love marriage preparation program.

- **Thank everyone** for taking time out of their wedding planning to be here today.
- **Acknowledge** that some of the people present may not be Catholic, but their presence is a beautiful sign of support for their fiancé/e.

Team Introductions (time permitting, make modifications if needed)

- **Ask the team to introduce themselves:** name, town, and what parish they attend (if different than where you are hosting).
- If you are also presenting a topic, leave a more detailed introduction of your spouse until your talk.

Engaged Couples Introductions

- **Have each couple introduce themselves** to the whole group if there are ten or less couples. If the group is large, you may want to limit the introductions to individual tables.
- Ask them to provide the following information if they are comfortable doing so: name, town, wedding date and where are getting married, etc.

Explain any technology or housekeeping details

- Location of the restrooms, exits, refreshments, chapel, etc.

- If you are hosting online, then give them a cell phone number to whomever is handling technology issues.

Review the format

- We suggest you only list the order of topics, daily start and end times, and that there will be regular breaks for meals to maintain flexibility.

Check QR Code Pre-Survey

- Check to make sure everyone has completed the QR Code Survey.

Introduce the materials

- Ask the couples to open their *Engaged Couples Workbook* and write their name so that if any are left behind, they can be returned.
- Request that everyone respect the privacy of each other's workbooks.

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture



EMCEE INTRODUCTION

- **Optional:** Provide your team leader one wedding photo and one current photo to include on a slide to be projected as you walk to the front to present.
- Please introduce yourself and answer the two questions below **very briefly** (to help the engaged couples to get to know you). This should not take more than 3-4 minutes.
 - Name and parish
 - Number of years married (Convalidation? If so, what prompted that?)
 - Children (ages, grandchildren)
 - Occupation
- 1. **Share briefly (1-2 sentences): An overview of your own faith journey.** Were you raised Catholic? Always active? More active for a specific reason? Convert (if so, why and when?)
- 2. **Share (1-2 sentences):** Why are you emceeing? What motivates you to do this?



PATRON SAINTS

Introduce the patron saints of *Transformed in Love*.

- Louis and Zélie Martin were the first married couple with children to be made saints.
- They were canonized because of their great faith in God and commitment to their marriage, family and community.
- Their daughter, St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the Doctors of the Church.
- We pray for their intercession during this workshop.



OPENING PRAYER

OPTION: If your pastor, another priest, or deacon is present, please invite them to do the opening prayer. They can say their own or use this one.

- **Ask the couples** to join you in reading the opening prayer as found in the workbook or from the slide.
- **NOTE:** ADOM is moving the opening Scripture Matthew 7:24-26 to Topic 10: Five Spiritual Practices.



WHY ARE YOU HERE?

ADOM adaptation from Page 28 in the *Leader's Guide*.

Individual Reflection: “Why are you here?”

- Ask the engaged couples to turn to Page 2 and write their reasons for being here next to the question: “What are we here?”
- Give them a minute or two to write their thoughts down.

Large Group Sharing: “Why are you here?”

- Ask couples to share their answers with the group.
- Write their answers on the board or large sticky pads of paper to be displayed throughout the program and to refer to during the Wrap-Up.

- If someone says, “because we have to be,” add humor and say: “Yes, that’s what you all were thinking, right?”
- If someone does not say it, add it yourself and say: “You were all thinking it, but no one wanted to say it, right?”

Comment on “Requirement”

- Yes, you may be here because it was required by the priest marrying you. Marriage preparation is a requirement in this archdiocese and in most dioceses today.
- It is required because the Church wants to help you be well-prepared for marriage.
- We want to help you have a good marriage and be transformed in love.
- We spend a lot of time, thought, money, etc. on planning a wedding, but it’s also important to spend time preparing for what follows—the marriage.

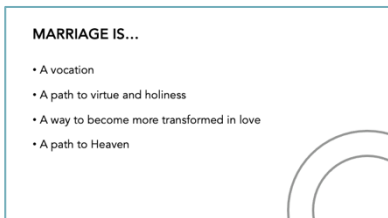
Congratulate the couples on their engagement and for participating in the marriage preparation program.



QUOTE

Read the quote: **"A great love between husband and wife can also be the deepest source of happiness this side of heaven."**

- The love you will share in married life will be anchored in God’s divine love and, if you allow it to be, a taste of Heaven on Earth.



MARRIAGE IS A VOCATION

A vocation

- A vocation is a “call” from God.
- We all have primary and secondary vocation; in your case it’s a call to marriage and then ... it may be parenthood, a career, ministry, etc.
- When you answer the call to your vocation, you find fulfillment through God’s divine love and grace.

A path to virtue and holiness

- It shapes us to be less about ourselves and more about the other – our spouse.
- The sacrificial love in marriage helps us move away from self-getting and toward self-giving.

A way to become more transformed in love

- When couples allow God to be integral part of their marriage, His gift of grace allows them to be transformed, helping them to be more understanding, patient, merciful, loving, etc.

A path to Heaven

- As Christians, we believe we are here on earth to know, love, and serve God in this life and be happy with Him in the next.
- Saying “I do” to the person sitting next to you today is a major part of how we will get to know Him and serve Him in this life and prepare ourselves for Heaven.



3 HOPED FOR TAKE-AWAYS + 5 QUALITIES OF A GOOD MARRIAGE

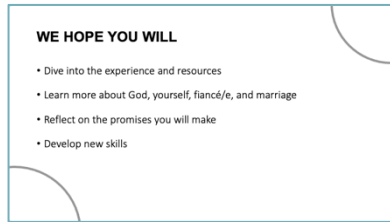
Instruct the couples to turn page 3 in their workbook for the activity.

Explain the activity:

- Answer the following two questions separately and then discuss as a couple.
- What are **three things** that you would **like to take away** from this marriage preparation workshop?
- What **five qualities** do you believe are most important for a **good marriage**?

Give the couples 5 minutes for this activity.

- Invite a few people to share some of their answers with the larger group.
- Write their answers on the board or large sticky pads of paper to be displayed throughout the program and to refer to during the Wrap-Up.



WE HOPE YOU WILL

Dive into the experience and resources

- The more you put into this workshop, the more you will get out of it.

Learn more about God, yourself, your fiancé/e, and marriage

- This is an opportunity to reflect on your relationship with God but also with one another.

Reflect on the promises you will make

- These vows are meant to last a lifetime.

Develop new skills

- These will help you not only in marriage, but also in life.



TAKEAWAY + REFLECTION

This slide is at the end of most topics. When you see this slide, you will be asked to answer the following:

- **Personal Takeaway:** This question is always the same. What is one thing that stood out or one action you want to take after reviewing this topic?
- **Couple Reflection:** The reflection questions will be different for each topic covered.

You will be given time to answer both separately and then discuss your answer as a couple.

TOPIC 1: SELF KNOWLEDGE

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
1	Self-Knowledge	<i>Presentation: 33 min</i> <i>Couple Activity: 17 min</i> <i>Personal Takeaway / Couple Reflection: 10 min</i> TOTAL: 60 min	<i>No adaptation</i>

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INTRODUCE TOPIC 1 PRESENTERS

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Please submit them to your Team Leader at least one week in advance of the program. ☺

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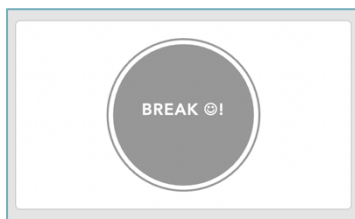
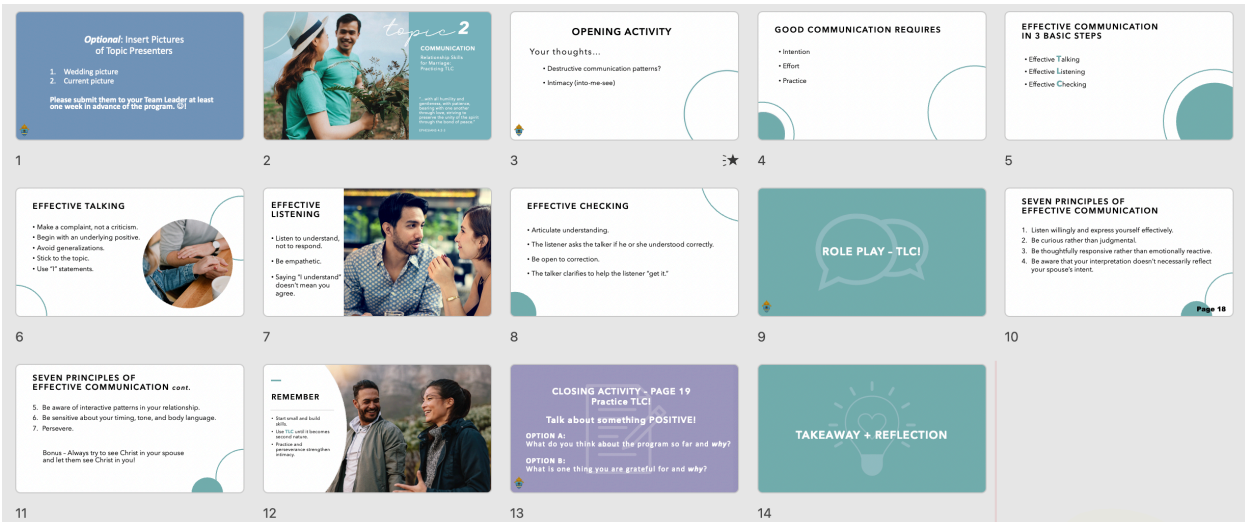
TOPIC 2: COMMUNICATION

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2	Communication	<i>Presentation: 30 min</i> <i>Couple Activity: 20 min</i> TOTAL: 50 min	Adaptations • New Opening Activity • Usage of a MAGNET in TLC • Instructions for the TLC Role Play • Instructions for the TLC engaged couple's practice



INTRODUCE TOPIC 2 PRESENTERS

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OPTIONAL BREAK (Time permitting)

A break is usually not needed after every talk. If you decide to include a break here, give instructions for the break:

- How long
- What time to come back
- Remind couples where the restrooms are
- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.

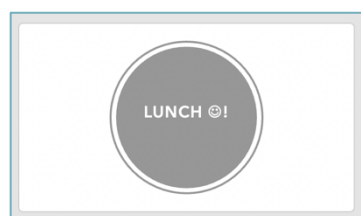
TOPIC 3: EXPECTATIONS

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3	Expectations	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 20 min TOTAL: 40 min	Minor adaptations - All activities now at the end - Closing activity: separate couples for first half of time then instruct them to reunite to share and discuss



INTRODUCE TOPIC 3 PRESENTERS

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LUNCH

Give instructions for the breaks and meals such as:

- How long
- What time to come back
- Remind couples where the restrooms are
- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.



OPTIONAL SMALL GROUP SHARING & LARGE GROUP TAKE-AWAYS

If time permits, ADOM recommends building in small group discussion time. This is good to do after a few presentations, before or after a meal break, and the end of a session.

We recommend having them share first in small groups of 3-4 couples and then each small groups picks one person to share with the large group.

When you see this slide, guide the couples to do the following.

Small Group Instructions

Break them into groups of 3-4 couples.

- We invite each person in the group to share one thing from the material covered thus far that has been meaningful to you or take away.
- Please share what that is and why you have found that helpful. There are no wrong answers. This is just a time of sharing.

Large Group Sharing

Write down the take-aways on the board.

- We are now going to invite one person from each small group to share their take-away with the large group.
- If each of the small groups could pick one person to share with the large group, we will go around the room to hear from each small group.
- Write down the take-aways on the board.

TOPIC 4: WHAT IS LOVE

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
4	What is Love?	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 15 min TOTAL: 30 min	No adaptation

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INTRODUCE TOPIC 4 PRESENTERS

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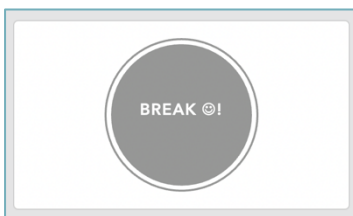
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- Remind couples where the restrooms are
- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.

TOPIC 5: GOD IS LOVE

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
5	God is Love	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 30 min	Significantly revised • Follow <i>ADOM Guide</i> (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)

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TOPIC 5
GOD IS LOVE
"The God we seek has made his love known to us by sending his only Son to die for us."
— 1 John 4:19

God's Love For Us

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God's LOVE For Us

600 BC...
• Father & Son (Father & Son)
• Father & Son
• Holy Spirit & Son
• Love (in love)
• Father & Son
• Holy Spirit & Son (Love Between Them)

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God's LOVE For Us

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God's LOVE For Us

THE FALL WOUNDED...
• Our relationship with God
• Our relationship with others
• Our relationship with creation
Because of the fall, we experience sin, suffering, and death. They were not part of God's original plan for us. They are not part of God's eternal plan for us (Heaven).

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WHO IS GOD'S SON?

- Jesus Christ
- Second Person of the Trinity
- True God and True Man

WHY DID GOD SEND HIS SON?

- To fulfill His promise
- To restore our relationship
- To teach us the art of living
- To make salvation possible

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HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- Free will
- Seek Him
- Practice the faith given to us

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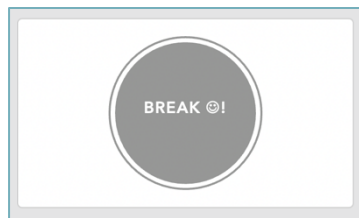
A SACRAMENT IS

- An outward sign instituted by Christ
- An integral part of Christian life
- A means of grace
- An unmerited gift

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TAKEAWAY + REFLECTION



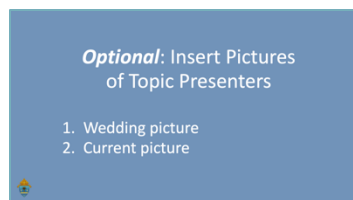
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- Remind couples where the restrooms are
- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.

TOPIC 6: WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
6	What is Marriage?	Presentation: 25 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 35 min	Significantly revised • Follow ADOM Guide (disregard Leader's Guide)



INTRODUCE TOPIC 6 PRESENTERS

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Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture

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topic 6

WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

God's Plan for Love and Life

"This talk is a plan intended to help you understand the purpose of marriage and the responsibilities of the man and woman who enter into it. It is a plan intended to help you understand the purpose of marriage and the responsibilities of the man and woman who enter into it."

God's LOVE For Us

Topic 6

God's LOVE For Us

God's LOVE For Us

MARRIAGE

Opening Activity Page 117

1. What is it?
2. What is it made of?
3. What is it for?
4. Where does it come from?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2203

"The sacramental covenant, the visible and real, essential union between two persons, is the basis of the sacrament, the visible and real, essential union between two persons, is the basis of the sacrament, the visible and real, essential union between two persons, is the basis of the sacrament."

MARRIAGE

1. What is it?
2. What is it made of?
3. What is it for?
4. Where does it come from?

WHAT IS IT?

- Covenant
- Partnership of the whole of life

"The sacramental covenant, the visible and real, essential union between two persons, is the basis of the sacrament, the visible and real, essential union between two persons, is the basis of the sacrament."

God's LOVE For Us

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WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- God
- Couple's mutual consent

WHAT IS IT MADE OF?

- A man and a woman
- Mutual consent
- Freedom
- Ability
- Wisdom
- Equality

WHAT IS IT FOR?

- Good of the spouses
- Welcoming and raising children

God's LOVE For Us

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God's LOVE For Us

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- God
- Couple's mutual consent

SUMMARY: MARRIAGE

- What is it? A covenant and partnership of the whole of life
- What is made of? One man + one woman and mutual consent
- What is it for? Good of the spouses and welcoming children
- Where does it come from? God and couple's mutual consent

RED FLAGS OR JUST JITTERS

- Jitters are common.
- Discuss red flags.
- Keep the lines of communication open. (See resource on pages 40-41)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2203

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TAKEAWAY + REFLECTION

TOPIC 7: THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
7	The Sacrament of Matrimony	Presentation: 10 min Witness: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 35 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

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2. Current picture



INTRODUCE TOPIC 7 PRESENTERS

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EMCEE DAY 1 WRAP UP

MC	MC Wrap-Up	TOTAL: 30-45 min depending on time	Minor adaptations • Follow ADOM Guide (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)
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DAY 1 WRAP-UP

Time permitting, to conclude Day 1:

- Invite couples to look back over their workbooks and have them share aloud the main points of each topic.
- Start with Topic 1 and ask the group: "What are some of the main points covered in Topic 1?" Ask for volunteers to share. Once all of the main points are mentioned, you can move on to Topic 2. If some things were missing, you can name them.
- Make your way through the entire list of topics with the couples doing the work of remembering the main points.



SMALL GROUP SHARING & LARGE GROUP TAKE-AWAYS

If time permits, ADOM recommends ending day 1 with small group discussion time.

Small Group Instructions

Break them into groups of 3-4 couples.

- We invite each person in the group to share one thing from the material covered thus far that has been meaningful to you or take away.
- Please share what that is and why you have found that helpful. There are no wrong answers. This is just a time of sharing.

Large Group Sharing

Write down the take-aways on the board.

- We are now going to invite one person from each small group to share their take-away with the large group.
- If each of the small groups could pick one person to share with the large group, we will go around the room to hear from each small group.

- Write down the take-aways on the board.



DAY 1 CLOSING PRAYER

Before closing in prayer, share information about Day 2 such as:

- Time to arrive.
- Explanation that Mass will be included.
- Any homework recommendations:
- Practice TLC at least once.
- Further discuss topics of interest.
- Enjoy some down time
- Etc.

Close the day with this prayer that is in their books, before the Table of Contents.

EMCEE DAY 2 WELCOME

MC	MC Welcome	TOTAL: 15-30 min depending on time	Minor adaptations • Follow ADOM Guide (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)
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DAY 2 WELCOME

Have this slide projected while couples are arriving.

Announcements (to be repeated every 10-15 minutes as more couples arrive). Remember to smile 😊, be happy, welcoming, positive, etc.

Welcome:

- Welcome back!

Start time:

- We will start at...

Refreshments:

- Please help yourself to...



DAY 1 REVIEW

- Invite couples to share any thoughts about Day 1.
- Ask if they practiced TLC and how that went.
- Ask if they talked more about any topic in particular.
- Ask if any couples went on a date.
- Ask if they talked about Day 1 with anyone else and what they shared.



DAY 2 INTRODUCTION

- Simply read the list of topics for Day 2 for them to see what will be covered.
- If you need to explain the timing of Mass and the hour fast, you can do so here.
- Invite the first presenters up.

TOPIC 8: THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
8	The Rite of Marriage	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 25 min	Minor adaptations • Read actual parts of the Rite of Marriage • Two deletions • More time for couple reflection

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture



INTRODUCE TOPIC 8 PRESENTERS

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THE RITE OF MARRIAGE
The Sacrament of Love and Unity

This day is a unique time for couples to share their love and commitment with the community.

CEREMONY OPTIONS

BOTH CATHOLIC	CATHOLIC & BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN	CATHOLIC & NON-BAPTIZED
Celebrated within a Mass	Often celebrated outside of Mass	Celebrated outside of Mass

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS

- Introductory Rites
- Liturgy of the Word
- Rite of Marriage
- Exchange of consent
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Concluding Rites



THE TWO BECOME ONE

- Questions regarding intentions
- Exchange of consent
- Blessing and Giving of Rings



THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES...

- Introductory Rites
- Liturgy of the Word
- Rite of Marriage
- Exchange of consent
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Concluding Rites



ACTIVITY

1. Review the ceremony.
2. Reflect on the scripture readings.
3. Discuss who you want involved.
4. Follow up with your priest/deacon.



BREAK ☺!

OPTIONAL BREAK (Time permitting)

A break is usually not needed after every talk. If you decide to include a break here, give instructions for the break:

- How long
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- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.

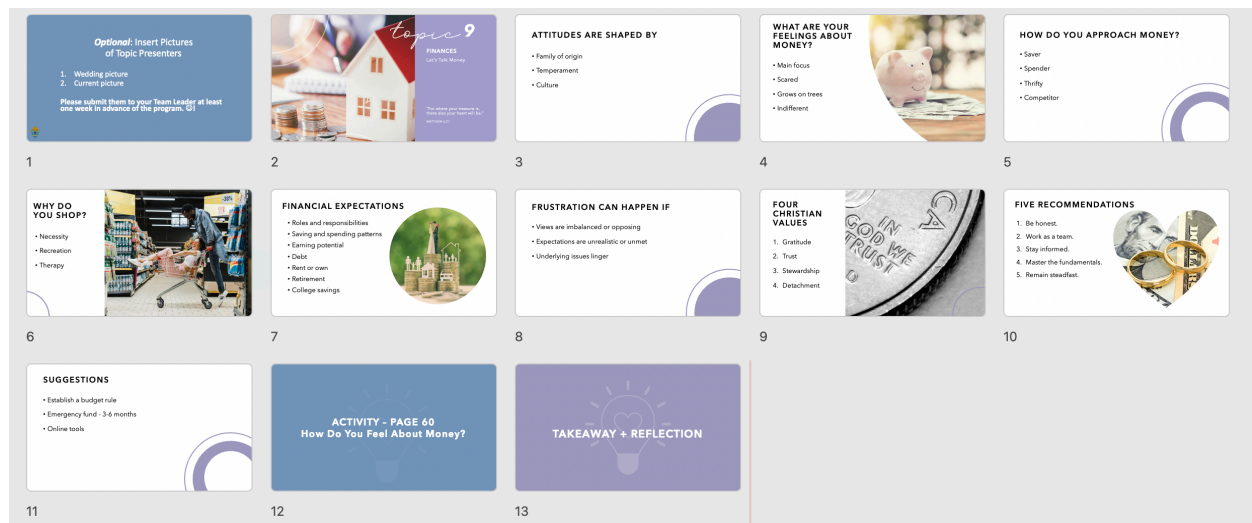
TOPIC 9: FINANCES

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
9	Finances	Presentation: 20 min Couple Activity: 15 min TOTAL: 35 min	Minor adaptations Moved activity; removed reference to specific financial resources



INTRODUCE TOPIC 9 PRESENTERS

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OPTIONAL BREAK (Time permitting)

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- What time to come back
- Remind couples where the restrooms are
- If there is water, coffee, or any refreshments available
- If they should be discussing the previous topic or activity over the break, etc.

TOPIC 10

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
10	Five Spiritual Practices	Presentation: 15 min Couple Activity: 10 min TOTAL: 25 min	No adaptation; two recommendations

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture



INTRODUCE TOPIC 10 PRESENTERS

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topic 10

FIVE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Having a strong relationship with Jesus is the foundation of a strong marriage and family life. This topic will help you build a strong foundation for your marriage and family life.

BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

- Jesus Christ
- Spouse & Family
- Friends, faith community

FIVE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Pray
2. Read the Bible
3. Go to Confession
4. Go to Mass
5. Serve those on the margins

THE BENEFITS

- Deeper friendship
- Outpouring of grace
- Love better
- Find your true self

REMEMBER

- Build a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Explore different spiritual practices.
- Our effort will be rewarded.
- Our goal - to build the domestic church.

"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER"

Matthew 18:20

TAKEAWAY + REFLECTION

TOPIC 11 TEACHING MASS

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
11	The Mass	TOTAL: 90 min	<i>Include full teaching mass</i>

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture

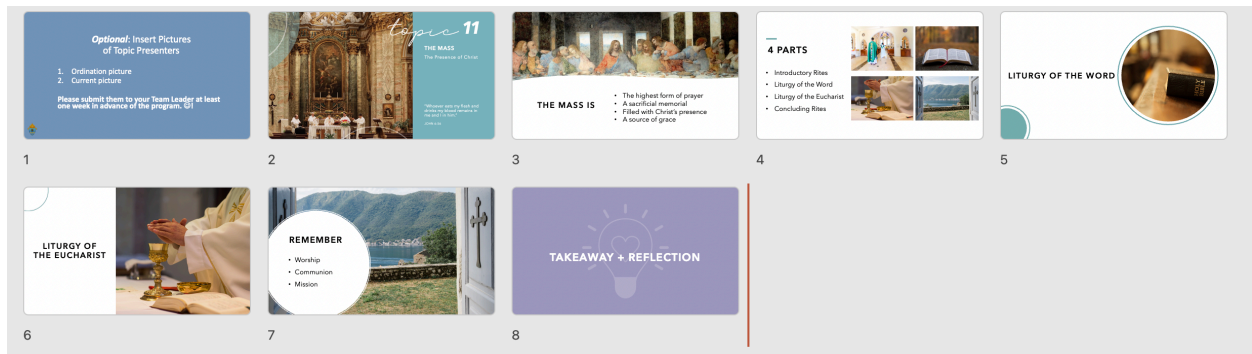


INTRODUCE TOPIC 11 PRESENTERS

If your program is including pictures, and the priest is doing this part, you can include the priest's ordination picture.

Provide instructions regarding where to go for the mass, what to bring with them, etc.

After mass, provide instructions regarding what time you will start the next topic.



TOPIC 12: MARITAL SEXUALITY

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
12	Marital Sexuality	Marital Sexuality: 15 min Family Planning: 15 min Witness Presentation: 15 min Individual Reflection and Couple Reflection throughout: 25 min TOTAL: 65 min	Significantly revised Follow ADOM Guide (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture

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topic 12

MARITAL SEXUALITY

THE MARITAL ACT & MARITAL SEXUALITY:

1. What is it?
2. Where does it come from?
3. What is it made of?
4. What is it for?

THE VISION

INTIMACY

BODY & SOUL

God's Love For Us

THE FERTILITY CYCLE

Marital Sexuality: What is it for?

Communion and Fruitfulness

QUOTE PAGE 81

SEX IS MEANT TO BE

- Free
- Total
- Faithful
- Fruitful
- Sacrificial

WITHIN MARRIAGE, SEX CONSUMMATES, EXPRESSES, AND RENEWS THE VOWS

- Free
- Total
- Faithful
- Fruitful
- Sacrificial

God's Love For Us

THE FERTILITY CYCLE

JESUS CAN HELP US LIVE THIS VISION

- ✓ Transform our minds and our hearts
- ✓ Heal all wounds
- ✓ Make all things new

"Christian ethics is characterized by a transformation of the human person's consciousness and attitudes, such as to express and realize the value of the body and sex according to the Creator's original plan"

ACTIVITY - PAGE 80

- To understand God's design for the marital act (sexual intercourse) within marriage
- To explore the nature and purpose of the marital act in the way in which it consummates (perfects) and renews your consent
- Will anything new to you or particularly helpful?
- Do you have any follow-up questions?

RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD

How can a couple plan their family size respecting God's original plan?

Communion and Fruitfulness

Love and Life

ACTIVITY - PAGE 83

What Do You Know About Fertility?

THE FERTILITY CYCLE

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BIOMARKERS

- Basal Body Temperature
- Cervical Mucus
- Fertility Hormones

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FERTILITY AWARENESS METHODS (FAM)

also known as NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

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CAN BE USED TO ACHIEVE OR AVOID A PREGNANCY

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FERTILITY AWARENESS METHODS

Natural Family Planning

- Graph
- Scientifically Proven
- Holistic
- Paper History

97-99.6%

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FERTILITY AWARENESS METHODS

Natural Family Planning

- Maintain the inseparable connection between communion and fruitfulness
- Allow a couple to spare pregnancies in a way that respects God's original plan for sex

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RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD

"With regard to physical, economic, psychological and social conditions, responsible parenthood is exercised by those who, prudently and generously decide to have more children, and by those who, for various reasons and with due respect to moral principles, decide to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time."

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RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD:

- ✓ Just reasons
- ✓ Moral means

JUST REASONS

- Couples should be both generous and responsible in welcoming children
- Couples may postpone a pregnancy for just reasons:
 - ✓ Physical
 - ✓ Economic
 - ✓ Psychological
 - ✓ Social

MORAL MEANS

- Means that respect God's original plan
- Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM)
- Also known as Natural Family Planning (NFP)
- To achieve a pregnancy: Use naturally fertile days
- To postpone a pregnancy: Avoid naturally fertile days

BASIC PRINCIPLES

	CONTRACEPTION	RESPONSE	ACT
Method	Barrier	Barrier	Barrier

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SAME GOAL, DIFFERENT MEANS

NFP

CONTRACEPTION

KNOWLEDGE IS EMPOWERMENT

1. Decide which Fertility Awareness Method works best for you.
2. Connect with a certified instructor.
3. Once educated, take advantage of apps and fertility tools.

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STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY?

- NaproTECHNOLOGY
- Adoption

REMEMBER

- God has a vision for love and life.
- Fertility Awareness Methods (Natural Family Planning Methods) work with nature's design.
- Education and instruction are available.
- There is hope if you struggle.

ACTIVITY - PAGE 80

- To explain Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM), also known as Natural Family Planning (NFP)
- To differentiate between contraception and FAM
- Will anything new to you or particularly helpful?
- Do you have any follow-up questions?

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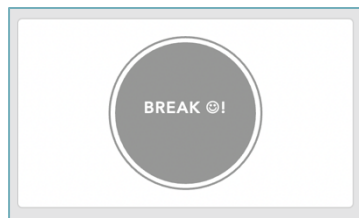
Witness Talk: Marital Sexuality & NFP

TAKEAWAY + REFLECTION

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Men and women separate first

Then discuss together



OPTIONAL BREAK (Time permitting)

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TOPIC 13: WE ARE ON A MISSION

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
13	We are on a Mission	Presentation: 15 min Letter writing: 15 min TOTAL: 30 min	No adaptation

Optional: Insert Pictures of Topic Presenters

1. Wedding picture
2. Current picture

INTRODUCE TOPIC 13 PRESENTERS

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topic 13

WE ARE ON A MISSION

Message and Prayer
By Jon & Heidi Jones

The family you do not know about
TOPIC 13 PRESENTERS

YOUR MISSION

- Guard
- Renewal
- Communicate
- Persevere

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

- Work
- Extended family
- Friends
- Extended family/friends
- Opposite sex

"THE FAMILY, LIKE THE CHURCH, OUGHT TO BE A PLACE WHERE THE GOSPEL IS TRANSMITTED AND FROM WHICH THE GOSPEL RADIATES."

Quote by John Paul II, Homily, Christmas, 1979

PERSEVERE

- "In good times and bad..."
- Allocate suffering whenever possible.
- Attach it to the cross and offer it up as a prayer.
- Seek help.
- www.FaithfulMarriage.org
- www.ThisIsOurMarriage.org

REFLECT & WRITE

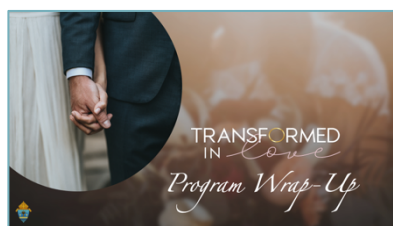
- What do you love about the other?
- What values will be important in your marriage?
- What do you feel you can promise?
- What do you hope for your marriage?
- How will you update God's love beyond yourselves?

EMCEE PROGRAM WRAP-UP

TOPIC	TITLE	LENGTH	ADAPTATION
MC	MC Wrap-Up	TOTAL: 45 min	Minor adaptations Follow ADOM Guide (disregard <i>Leader's Guide</i>)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Wrap-Up should be led by the Emcees.
- ADOM has adapted the *Leader's Guide* with the material below. Disregard *Leader's Guide*.
- Most of what is below is the same as the *Leader's Guide*, but there are a few adaptations.
- NOTE ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES & GIFTS:** Depending on the size of the group, each team can decide the best way to distribute certificates and gifts. Please plan this ahead of time and communicate it to your team. The following are some options:
 - Team members bring certificates and gifts to the engaged couples:** For large groups, this may work best. The MC has the certificates and reads the names aloud. The engaged couples raise their hands. A team member takes the certificate from the MC and gifts to the couple (and smiles ☺ and congratulates them on finishing).
 - Small group leaders distribute them:** During the last break, small group leaders are given their group's materials, and they distribute them.
 - Engaged couples come up for their materials when their names are called:** This can work for smaller groups. For larger groups, this adds considerable time.



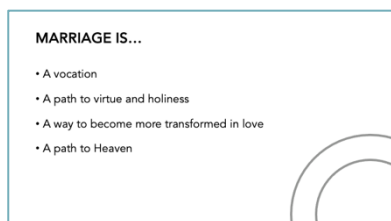
PROGRAM WRAP UP

Ask the couples to turn to page 96 in their workbooks.

READ the following adapted from page 96:

HEAVEN IS THE ENDGAME

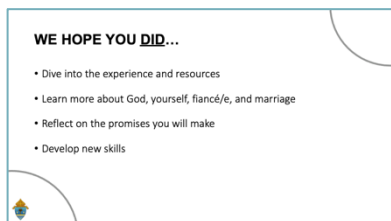
- Let's bring this back to where we started.
- Remember we said God created you to be happy.
- And, as St. Augustine tells us, we're not happy until we know God, here on earth and ultimately, we hope, to live with him face-to-face in heaven.
- So, heaven is our ultimate destination.
- And our path to heaven is with, and through, our spouse.



REMIND COUPLES OF WHAT WAS SAID AT THE BEGINNING

Marriage is....

- A vocation
- A path to virtue and holiness
- A way to become more transformed in love
- A path to heaven



WE HOPE YOU DID

Emphasize: “We hope you did...”

- ✓ Dive into the experience and resources
- ✓ Learn more about God, yourself, your fiancé/e, and marriage
- ✓ Reflect on the promises you will make
- ✓ Develop new skills

Go back to their answers to the questions during the opening (hopefully still displayed on a board or large sticky pads of paper) and point out things from their lists that were covered in the program.

- *Why are you here?*
- *3 hoped for take-aways*
- *5 qualities of a good marriage*



EXHORTATION

Ask the couples to turn to page 56 in their workbooks.

Explain the Exhortation

- It used to be read at all weddings.
- They can ask the priest or deacon who will be officiating their wedding to read it during their wedding.
- It sums up many of themes throughout the program.

Invite the couples to stand up, face one another, and hold hands.

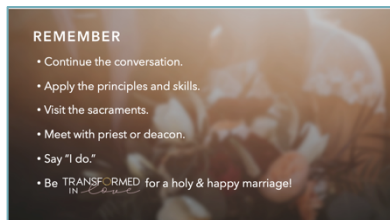
- Acknowledge it may be awkward, but it’s an opportunity to gaze into their future spouse’s eyes and think about all that is read.
- Encourage them to give it a shot, but if they prefer, they can also follow along with the reading in their books.

Prayerfully read the Exhortation as a closing prayer.

- If reading it as a couple, switch readers by paragraphs.

When you are done, you can add, “You may now kiss the bride.”

- NOTE: ‘Kissing the bride’ is not part of the Marriage Rite. Some couples think it is, based on the movies or other weddings they have attended, but it is not part of the Marriage Rite (as seen in Topic 8).



REMEMBER

Adapted from page 150 in the Leader’s Guide:

Continue the conversation.

- Our hope is that this workshop was just the beginning of many conversations you will have as a couple regarding the many topics covered this weekend.

Apply the principles and skills.

- Apply the principles and skills you learn from the topics such as spiritual practices and TLC; applying what you learned will help you live out your marriage vows.

Participate in the sacraments.

- Make Mass a priority, especially on Sundays and Holy Days.
- As a couple and as a family: visit the sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible to remain channels of God’s love for one another and for your children.

Meet with your priest or deacon.

- Schedule a visit with your priest or deacon to review your wedding ceremony and any lingering questions or concerns you may have.
- *If you haven’t taken the pre-marital inventory *Fully Engaged* yet, it is part of the marriage preparation process here in the *Archdiocese of Miami*.
- Ask the priest or deacon if there is a married couple you can connect with to help you through the marriage preparation journey and introduce you to other couples your age.

Say I do.

- As you leave here and get married know that we are praying for you and are here to help you in any way we are able.

Be transformed in love for a holy and happy marriage!



PROGRAM REVIEW

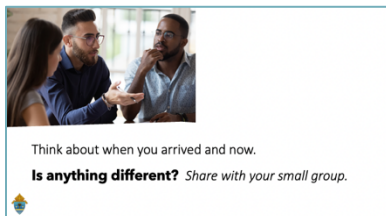
Review the program.

A good way to review the entire program is by asking the couples to name aloud the main points of each of the topics either from the entire program or just Day 2. You can guide them through topic by topic.

- Invite couples to look back over their workbooks.
- Ask the group: "What are some of the main points covered in Topic 1?"
- Ask for volunteers to share. Once all of the main points are mentioned from one topic, you can move on to the next topic. If some things were missing, you can name them.
- Make your way through the entire list of topics quickly.

Invite couples to consider the main themes of the entire program.

- Invite couples to look back over the list of topics and share some of the main themes they picked up throughout the entire program.
- Write their answers on the board or large sticky pads of paper.



PROGRAM TAKEAWAYS

Ask the couples to think about when they arrived and now, as they leave the program, and consider if there is anything different.

- Think about when you arrived here on _____ (name when they arrived).
- Is anything different now as you leave?

Small Group Discussion

- We invite you to talk together about this in your small groups and then will invite each small group to share with the larger group.
- Give them a few minutes to talk as a small group.

Large Group Sharing

- Invite the small groups to pick one person to share with the large group.
- Time permitting, after each group has shared, open it up to the entire group if there is anything else others want to share.

Thank them

- Thank the engaged couples for:
 - Getting married in the Church
 - Participating in the program



EVALUATION & SURVEY

Invite couples to complete the evaluation and survey.

- This is a completely anonymous survey that helps us better understand our audience and improve the program for the next time we run it.
- Please be honest. This helps us know what you liked, what is working, and what is not.
- Like the pre-survey, both bride and groom need to complete the survey.
- Please scan the QR code.
- Please enter the code you received when you got here.



CERTIFICATES & GIFTS

Explain what the gifts are.

- *Crucifix*: Blessed by Archbishop Thomas Wenski!
- *Bible*: To be read and used 😊
- *Holy Water*: To keep and use and refill. Bless yourself, your kids, as you come and go from the house. Special occasions. Illnesses, etc.

- *Rosary*: To pray together, maybe just start with a decade.
- *Good News About Sex and Marriage Book*: Q & A book all with questions from engaged couples.
- *Rediscover Catholicism Book*: The title says it all. Encourage them to just read the first chapter and see what they think.

Explain the certificates.

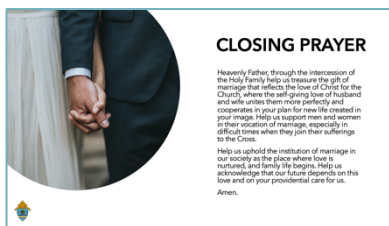
- Their names are spelled as they typed them in when registering online.
- If there is an error, tell them who to see for a correction.
- Tell them to make a copy and bring the ORIGINAL and the COPY when they apply for their State marriage license. They will get a discount for having it. The office will want to see the ORIGINAL, but if you bring a COPY, they can keep the copy.

Explain how you will distribute the certificates.

- See note above. Each site can distribute them as they see best.

Tell them to wait to leave until everyone has received their certificate and you close with prayer.

Before reading off the names, thank the team, volunteers, and everyone who made the program possible.



CLOSING PRAYER

Ask the couples to join you in reading the prayer as found in the workbook or from the slide.

Thank everyone! And smile ☺! And give thanks to God!

Note: Each team can do as they see best, but the team (or a few couples) may want to stand where couples exit to say good-bye and congratulations and wish them well as they leave the building.