

November 2011 -- Marriage and Family News

Please share this information with your partners in ministry. See the attached newsletter for details on the following:

- **WEDDING LITURGY CHANGES IN ROMAN MISSAL**
- **FACET-FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING (also serves as UPDATE for Current Facilitators)**
- **DISTANCE-LEARNING MODULES FOR TRAINING NEW VOLUNTEER COUPLES**
- **WANT TO TRY A DIFFERENT MARRIAGE PREP PROGRAM WITH VIDEO?**
- **ANNULMENT WORKSHOPS**
- **ONLINE NFP TRAINING**
- **RETREATS FOR COUPLES**

Visit www.foryourmarriage.org and www.portumatrimonio.org for Catholic marriage resources in English and Spanish.

-- **WEDDING LITURGY CHANGES IN ROMAN MISSAL**

The readings for the wedding liturgy have not changed with the introduction of the new Roman Missal, but the Mass parts and nuptial blessing options have changed. The wedding ceremony planning booklets included in marriage prep packets print the options for Readings as well as options for prayers, prefaces and blessings. The Rite and vows are not changed, but are under study. Until an updated resource is available, we will continue to provide the booklet so that couples can consider and select Readings for the wedding. However, their priest/deacon is their source of information about the new Mass prayers and blessings in the Roman Missal.

-- **FACET-FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING (also serves as UPDATE for Current Facilitators)**

- **December 3 at St. Elizabeth Seton**, Crofton, 9-12 Noon. (Location may be changed to Ellicott City. Please call or email lprzybysz@archbalt.org)
- Central Maryland location and date **TBD**
- This session is Part 2 of Sponsor Couple training. **Part 1 is a distance learning module**, \$35 for materials. NOTE: Pre-Cana teams do not facilitate the FOCCUS or FACET discussion, so they only need to take Part 1.
- \$50 for new Sponsor Couples and \$20 for Refresher for those who already have FOCCUS binders.
- Registration forms for Parts 1 and 2 are posted <http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/marriage-family/engaged/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=8742>

-- **DISTANCE-LEARNING MODULES FOR TRAINING NEW VOLUNTEERS**

New Sponsor Couples, Pre-Cana Team Members, and Remarriage Sponsors are more precious than gold! Capture their enthusiasm when they come forward to serve in your parish by registering them to take a enriching and fun home-study training course.

- Sponsor Couples register to take Part 2, Facilitator Training (see item above).

Spouses work together at their own pace to complete Part One, a module that teaches them how to use the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation packets and outlines, catechizes them about the Church's teachings on Marriage, and enriches their own marriage.

- Contact Lauri Przybysz lprzybysz@archbalt.org to learn more and to register for one of the training modules.

-- **WANT TO TRY A DIFFERENT MARRIAGE PREP PROGRAM WITH VIDEO?**

Lack volunteers? Other models not working for you? Recruit at least one dedicated couple they can host Marriage Prep at your parish using the new DVD-assisted program, *Together in God's Love*. Purchase directly from Our Sunday Visitor

<http://www.osv.com/ParishNav/ParishProducts/TogetherInGodsLoveMarriagePreparation/tabid/8361/Default.aspx> We have a copy in the Archdiocesan office that we are willing to lend to a parish to pilot and provide feedback. Contact Lauri, lprzybysz@archbalt.org 410-547-5420.

-- **ANNULMENT WORKSHOPS**

Church teachings on marriage, divorce and annulments by the Archdiocesan Tribunal staff. For the divorced, remarrying, Catholics married outside the Church, RCIA teams and parish staffs. 410-547-5533.

Nov. 7 – St. John, Westminster; Nov. 10 – Our Lady of Victory; Nov. 16 – Immaculate Conception, Towson.

-- NFP EDUCATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE in ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Instruction in Natural Family Planning -- Couple to Couple League offers classes. Visit www.ccli.org to register and for more upcoming classes. Classes are also available at St. Agnes Hospital (call 1-866-690-9355 to register). More NFP teachers are listed on the Archdiocesan website <http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/marriage-family/family-planning.cfm>

New NFP DVD. If the NFP video you use in Pre-Cana or Sponsor Couple sessions looks like it's a refugee from the 70's, you'll be glad to know you can order the latest 22-minute presentation, *Plan Your Family Naturally*, from the Division of Evangelization and Catechesis, lprzybysz@archbalt.org (The Spanish version "Planifique su Familia Naturalmente" can be ordered directly from the publisher, <http://www.drvc-faith.org/pdshop/shop/item.aspx?itemid=8>) \$15.

--RETREATS FOR COUPLES

- **Married Couples' Retreats.** Priestfield Retreat Center. Every weekend in March 2012 and April 27-28. See <http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/retreats.cfm> for more details.
- **Remarried Couples' Retreat.** Holy Trinity Spiritual Center, Feb. 17-19, 2012. Contact Kay LaHatte cl.k.lahatte@verizon.net or 410-335-2897 for more information.
- **Marriage Encounter:** Make a healthy marriage even better. November 4-6, 2011 at Priestfield Retreat Center, WV [Register](#)
- **Retrouvaille, Lifeline for Troubled Marriages.** Contact Tom and Carol Moran, 301-468-6764, TomNCarol@comcast.net, www.HelpOurMarriage.com for information about upcoming weekends.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lauri Przybysz, Coordinator of Marriage and Family Life, Department of Evangelization, lprzybysz@archbalt.org 410-547-5420.