



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS
Office of Marriage and Family Life

2026

Marriage Preparation Program Calendar

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreats

Cost: \$350/couple

JANUARY 9 - 11 FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 MAY 29 - 31
JULY 10 - 12 AUGUST 21 - 23 NOVEMBER 13 - 15

A weekend of in-depth, private, personal marriage preparation within the context of Catholic faith and values.

All 2026 Engaged Encounter Retreats are at the W.J. Kelley Retreat Center Bay St. Louis, MS.

Days for the Engaged

Saturdays 9 AM - 4 PM

Cost: \$85/session

SESSION A

JANUARY 10, COVINGTON
MOST HOLY TRINITY

MARCH 7, HARAHAAN
ST. RITA

MARCH 28, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

MAY 2, NEW ORLEANS
CHANCERY CONFERENCE ROOM

JUNE 6, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

AUGUST 8, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

SEPTEMBER 12, NEW ORLEANS
CHANCERY CONFERENCE ROOM

OCTOBER 10, METAIRIE
WILLWOODS COMMUNITY BUILDING

SESSION B

JANUARY 24, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

MARCH 21, MANDEVILLE
MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

APRIL 18, TBD
LOCATION TBD

MAY 16, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

JUNE 13, NEW ORLEANS
CHANCERY CONFERENCE ROOM

AUGUST 22, HARAHAAN
ST. RITA

SEPTEMBER 19, COVINGTON
MOST HOLY TRINITY

OCTOBER 24, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

A two-day series of workshops held on separate Saturdays that help engaged couples explore how the Church understands and imagines the Sacrament of Marriage through both the interpersonal aspects (Session A) and the couples' relationship with God (Session B).

**ECHO Retreat
for Engaged
Couples**
Cost: \$450/couple

FEBRUARY 6 - 8

MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER | PINEVILLE, LA

Register at: echocommunity.us/for-engaged-couples

A weekend retreat by the ECHO Community that uses St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body to help couples understand marriage in the Catholic Church.

**Special
Marriage
Preparation**

Cost: \$85/couple

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CYO BUILDING

MAY 16, NEW ORLEANS
CYO BUILDING

MARCH 21, MANDEVILLE
MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

SEPTEMBER 19, COVINGTON
MOST HOLY TRINITY

For couples who have already been married civilly and are now getting married in the Catholic Church (convalidation) or have already been living together for a substantial period of time.



Register online at nolacatholic.org/mfl, then click on "Getting Married"

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