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ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS



As a life-long commitment and a sacred sacrament in our Church, marriage requires a serious level of preparation. The Archdiocese of Baltimore **mandates** all couples to participate in a formal program of preparation. This requirement may be satisfied in several ways.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:

Is a retreat offering personal attention and guidance for approximately twenty couples, scheduled Friday evening to Sunday afternoon on various weekends at retreat houses throughout the Archdiocese. Engaged couples should contact Engaged Encounter at 410-439-4217 or <https://baltimore.engagedencounter.com/>

ONLINE PRE CANA PREPARATION:

There are several programs available for couples who choose to complete the Pre-Cana requirement online. Please use the link below and choose the program that suits your particular needs best. The programs that the Archdiocese of Baltimore recommend are:

Agape Catholic Marriage Preparation

Fee: \$47.95 – Language: English and Spanish

Living Our Faith in Love

Fee: \$195

Languages: English, Captioning in English and Spanish

Joy-Filled Marriage – Ascension Press

Fee: \$194 – \$245

Language: English, Spanish, French

Smart Loving

Fee: \$68 – \$273 – Languages: English

<https://www.archbalt.org/marriageprep/>

After the completion of any option you will receive a certificate which should be given to the officiating priest or deacon.

*"It is a great gift to journey together through life as a married couple. There will be **"ups and downs,"** and as you move through the many phases of married life, it is most important to remember that you are not alone. The Church is there for your marriage long after the ceremony has ended. In times of joy and in times of trouble, remember that you have an entire faith community that wants your marriage to succeed and is committed to helping you in any way it can. Count your blessings and they will flow."*

Our Sunday Visitor: Marriage, A Sacrament of Lasting Love.

Discuss these options with your celebrant at your scheduled appointment.

