



Marriage Preparation Retreat Schedule  
Diocese of Brownsville – Family Life Office

January 2026

Catholic Engaged Encounter English (\$292.00)	Retiro Pre-Matrimonial Spanish/Español (\$130.00)	For Better and Forever Retreat English (\$145.00)	New Life Retreat English (\$140.00)	Convalidation Conference English or Spanish (\$75.00)
<b>January 3 &amp; 4</b> St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX (Registration closed/ retreat is full)		<b>2026</b>		<b>January 17</b> Spanish Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
	<b>February 21 &amp; 22</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX		<b>February 7 &amp; 8</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	
<b>March 21 &amp; 22</b> St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX				<b>March 7</b> English Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
	<b>April 25 &amp; 26</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	<b>April 11 &amp; 12</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX		
<b>May 2 &amp; 3</b> St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX				<b>May 16</b> Spanish Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
		<b>June 27 &amp; 28</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	<b>June 6 &amp; 7</b> Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	

Couples are eligible to attend a Marriage Preparation Retreat 2-12 months before their wedding date.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am recommending that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of priest, deacon, or delegate) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Couple)

### Diocesan Marriage Preparation Retreats:

\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Engaged Encounter is best suited for:

Engaged couples preparing for a Sacramental Marriage and

- \* have not been previously married
- \* are not living together
- \* do not have children
- \* not expecting a child

\_\_\_\_\_ El Retiro Pre-Matrimonial es más recomendable:

Novios preparando para un Matrimonio Sacramental y que:

- \* No han sido casados previamente
- \* No están en unión libre
- \* No tienen hijos
- \* Prefieren asistir un retiro en español

\_\_\_\_\_ For Better and Forever Retreat is best suited for:

Engaged couples preparing for a Sacramental Marriage and find themselves with unique circumstances such as

- \* are living together
- \* one or both have child (ren) (but not previously married)
- \* are expecting a child
- \* have been civilly married 1- 2 years
- \* cannot attend an overnight retreat

\_\_\_\_\_ The New Life Retreat is best suited for:

- \* Engaged couples where one or both have been previously married with or without children
- \* Engaged couples coming from previous cohabitation relationships 3+years

\_\_\_\_\_ The Convalidation Conference is best suited for:

- \* Civilly married couples who have been married 3-25+ years
- \* Cohabiting couples of 3-25+ years

**Please note: The Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat is overnight at the St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center.**

Marriage Retreat Schedule and  
Registration forms can be found at:

[www.cdob.org/flo-marriage-pre](http://www.cdob.org/flo-marriage-pre)

Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis.  
Rescheduling will only be allowed in case of emergency  
approved by Director or Associate, plus a re-scheduling fee  
will be added.

The completed form should be emailed to  
[familylife@cdob.org](mailto:familylife@cdob.org) or call 956-784-5012 for any question.

**Please keep in mind you are not registered until we receive your completed registration form and the payment for the retreat.** Once we receive the completed form and payment for the retreat, you will receive a letter confirming your registration.

**Tenga en cuenta que no estará registrado hasta que recibamos su formulario de registro completo y el pago del retiro.** Una vez que recibamos el formulario completo y el pago del retiro, recibirán una carta confirmando su inscripción.

You can pay with a money order made payable to:  
Diocese of Brownsville-Family Life Office.

Credit and debit cards are accepted over the phone or at the Family Life Office.

Family Life Office

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