



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)
January 3 & 4 St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX (Registration closed/ retreat is full)		2026		January 17 Spanish Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
	February 21 & 22 Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX		February 7 & 8 Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	
March 21 & 22 St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX				March 7 English Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
	April 25 & 26 Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	April 11 & 12 Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX		
May 2 & 3 St. Eugene de Mazenod Renewal Center San Juan, TX				May 16 Spanish Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX
		June 27 & 28 Bishop A. Marx Conf. Center San Juan, TX	June 6 & 7 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

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 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.

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