

For Better and Forever Retreat

Congratulations on your decision to marry in the Catholic Church. We are pleased to take part in your sacramental marriage preparation. God bless you in these grace filled moments and know of our prayers as you embark together on this holy vocation.

For Better and Forever is a two day marriage preparation retreat where couples are guided to a deeper understanding of themselves as individuals, the Sacrament of Marriage, and marriage as a life-long process. The retreat provides an atmosphere appropriate for sharing and learning, allowing the engaged couple to concentrate on their relationship with one another and with God.

This retreat is best suited for engaged couples that find themselves in unique circumstances such as:

- living together;
- have a child/children but not previously married;
- expecting a child; and/or,
- civilly married 1-2 years.

Schedule: Saturday 8:00 am—5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am –5:30 pm

The completed registration form can be emailed to familylife@cdob.org.

Please Note: You are not registered until we receive your full payment. The non-refundable fee of \$145 can be done with either money order or with credit or debit card that can be processed over the phone or at the Family Life Office. A PayPal fee will be added to all credit or debit card transactions. Alternatively, a money order can be mailed to the address given at the right. Cash or checks are not accepted. A confirmation letter will be emailed to the couple once the application and fee are received.

Engaged couples must attend both full days or will need to reschedule. Rescheduling will only be allowed in case of an emergency approved by the Director or Associate and will include a rescheduling fee of \$60 to help defray meal costs.

REGISTRATION FORM

DATES:

2025

April 5-6
June 28-29
Aug 23-24
Dec 6-7

2026

April 11-12
June 27-28
Aug 22-23
Dec 5-6

*COST:

\$145 per couple

which includes breakfast, lunch and retreat materials

*PayPal fee will be added to credit or debit card transactions.

LOCATION:

Bishop Adolf Marx
Conference Center
San Juan, TX

INFO:

Lydia Riojas
956-784-5012
familylife@cdob.org
www.cdob.org

Family Life Office/

Diocese of Brownsville 700 N.
Virgen de San Juan Blvd.
San Juan, TX 78589



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Before registering for this retreat you should have:

- met with your parish priest, deacon, or marriage preparation minister to begin your marriage preparation process.
- obtained from your priest, deacon, or marriage preparation minister the recommendation to attend a For Better and Forever Retreat.

Below please provide the name and parish of the person who recommended you for this retreat.

GROOM'S AND BRIDE'S INFORMATION

His Name: _____

His B-date: _____ Catholic? Yes _____ No _____

His Cell: _____ His email: _____

Her Name: _____

Her B-date: _____ Catholic? Yes _____ No _____

Her Cell: _____ Her Email: _____

His or Her mailing address: _____

Who recommended the retreat for you? _____

Recommender's Parish: _____

Anticipated wedding date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Church & City where you will be married _____

Date of For Better & Forever Retreat: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

In order to receive a Twogether in Texas Certificate worth \$60.00 off the price of your marriage license, please ensure that the name you print on this registration is spelled exactly as it appears on your Texas Driver's License (certificate issued at completion of retreat). Please note the Twogether in Texas Certificate will expire 365 days from the date issued.

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I grant to the Diocese of Brownsville and their officers, agents, representatives, and employees, the right to use my portrait or photograph or video image for promotional purposes, social media, website and office functions. This release will remain valid until revoked in writing:

Yes _____ No _____

I have read and understand the above:

Yes _____ No _____

Please see reverse side of this form for payment information.

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