

St. Francis of Assisi Parishioner Marriage Preparation Requirements

In addition to the "Required Documents for Catholic Weddings" couples preparing for marriage at St. Francis of Assisi will be required to fulfill the following:

Pre-Marital Inventory (PMI)

During the preparation period, the Marriage Preparation Team helping the couple will provide what is called a Pre-Marital Inventory for them to complete. This Inventory helps the couple in examining their feelings and expectations of marriage so the couple can develop a mature and solid relationship necessary for marriage. It should be noted that the Priest or Marriage Preparation Team helping the couple may determine there is a question regarding the couple's readiness for marriage. He/they may refer the couple to a professional for evaluation and assessment.

Engaged Encounter

*Besides the PMI Program, the couple attends the following preparation. A weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) to be shared by the couple with others preparing for marriage. This weekend experience assists in developing communication skills by giving each person the opportunity for honest, intensive sharing about their future lives together. The schedule for the Engaged Encounter, held in the Student Center at Bishop Manogue High School in Reno, NV, may be obtained by calling Craig and Amy Nielson (775) 853-6318 nielson4@sbcglobal.net/ or registering online at www.renoee.org/. There is a fee of \$185 for attending the EEC weekend in Reno. If you live in the San Francisco Bay area the contact information may be found at <http://www.sfcee.org/> or <http://www.engagedencounter.org/> **Attendance at Engaged Encounter is mandatory for all couples receiving their instruction in the Diocese of Reno.***

Required Reading

When your marriage preparation takes place with the St. Francis of Assisi Marriage Team you are required to read the following books which may be discussed during your meeting:

The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work
by John M. Gottman, Ph.D. and Nan Silver