

Holy Rosary Church

Marriage Preparation Course

Participant Feedback

The following are a selection of comments taken from participant course evaluations collected at the conclusion of Holy Rosary's Marriage Preparation courses during 2016 and 2017:

What did you like most about the program?

"Thank you for being so open during the lessons. It really made us feel comfortable."

"The instructors were relaxed and real. (The instructors) talked openly about important issues and (I did) not feel judged. Because of that I enjoyed it and participated more freely."

"The activities and information made my fiancé and I bond together."

"Although most things we learned 'seem' obvious, they weren't in our relationship. We feel it made us grow in a very short time."

"The realness factor. Displayed to us that marriage is a lot of work."

"It opened up my awareness to topics I had not really thought about previously, especially to topics that are instrumental to a marriage."

"The personal stories (of the instructors). It's nice to have real world examples."

"I like that you weren't forced to participate, and that you could voice your opinion only if you wanted to."

"The relaxed nature and humour to lighten potentially tense topics."

"How it made us talk about real things that matter. It was good to hear two relatable voices sharing their stories."

"Reaffirming my beliefs and principles in my relationship."

"I liked how the facilitators shared some of their experience with each other being good or not so good."

"The instructors made the class welcoming and a joy to be part of. Their openness about themselves and their marriage is inspiring."

"We totally related to the instructors."

"The way it helped us connect as a couple. The instructors made us feel at home."

"It was a gateway to meaningful conversation."

"I was expecting not to like the course, but I really enjoyed it."

Would you recommend this program to your friends?

“Yes, because some of the topics are hard to discuss without guidance.”

“Yes, very informative and it’s good to get another couple’s perspective on things. (The instructors) were able to explain what I couldn’t explain to my fiancé.”

“Yes, the course introduced some topics that are difficult to bring up otherwise.”

“Yes. I enjoyed that the topics were relaxed yet formal when it was needed.”

“I would, even to some friends who aren’t religious.”

“Yes. Makes you talk about things you may have not discussed before entering marriage.”

“Absolutely. It was enlightening and we had a great bonding experience at these classes.”

“Anyone getting married should take this course.”

“Yes I would. The facilitators were honest and didn’t pressure or judge.”

“Yes, it opens your eyes to things people sometimes look past.”

“Yes. It was not at all uncomfortable. Never felt pushed to do anything, but still provided good info.”

“Yes – I feel like this program has brought me closer to my fiancé and I think this is a very useful and helpful program.”

“Yes. It does broaden your expectations, whether you like it or not.”

“Definitely refer this to friends. Topics covered are all things that every couple should discuss/think about before and after marriage.”

“Yes. We’ve used a lot of the information and ideas already.”

“Absolutely! Much less intimidating/daunting that we expected. It was fun to get out!”

“Yes. Loved the group setting. Seems less intimidating that a 1-on-1 course would be.”