

## **Marriage Preparation Retreats at St. Peter's in Boerne**

The marriage preparation retreats are open to all engaged couples in the Archdiocese who need to take a marriage preparation class. Can you publish these dates on the Archdiocese website?

Dates of the upcoming Marriage Preparation Retreats are:

- October 20th & 21st, 2023
- January 26th & 27th, 2024
- April 26th & 27th, 2024

The Marriage Preparation Retreat at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church provides engaged couples and those contemplating engagement the opportunity to learn from experienced, happily married couples, the steps that they have taken in developing a life-long friendship and loving relationship that involves the couple and God as a three-person team in that relationship.

The Marriage Preparation Retreat is based on what is taught in The Catechism of the Catholic Church and the principles of good communication in all aspects that strengthen the marital bond.

### **Engaged Couples will learn:**

- Steps to take for effective communication
- Understanding our marriage in God's Plan for us versus what the world has in mind for us
- Steps to take for a successful financial life together
- NaPro Technology
- Natural Family Planning, its effectiveness and the satisfaction it provides both spouses, touching on Theology of the Body
- How your Domestic Church is so important to the Universal Church
- Living the Sacrament of Marriage

There will be time provided for the couples to get to know one another and socialize.

This Marriage Preparation Retreat complements and supplements any other marriage preparation the couple is participating in such as the "For Better & For Ever" Engaged Sponsor Program (used here at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church), and other programs used at other parishes.

The Marriage Preparation Retreat will begin Friday evening with the first presentation and a social for the engaged couples to get to know one another and will continue Saturday and finish with the Saturday Vigil Mass.

**To register, contact the Parish Office at (830) 816-2233 or call Jim & Doe Morey (830-537-6103) for additional information.**