

# ***ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH***

***Before Cana Marriage Preparation Program***

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Dear Couples,

Welcome to *Before Cana*, the Marriage Preparation program at St. Mary's. We are looking forward to meeting each of you on **Saturday, February 20, 2021** in the Parish Center of the school building.

The day will begin with registration at **9:30 a.m.** and continue until approximately **5:30 p.m.** Mass will conclude the day (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.) and will satisfy your Sunday obligation. Our team is endeavoring to make it a very worthwhile day for you.

Lunch will be included, but we ask that you kindly bring a snack to be shared with the rest of the group, so that food is available throughout the day. If you have any questions or special dietary needs, please let us know in advance by calling 683-6445 or by email at [johno@stmarysonthehill.org](mailto:johno@stmarysonthehill.org). If you have not done so already, please mail your payment of \$90 to cover the cost of booklets, handouts and the luncheon.

At the end of the day, each couple will receive a certificate to present to the priest who will witness the wedding, testifying that they have participated in the required premarital preparation.

This will be a rare occasion for you to shut out the distractions of the world and focus on your relationship. Please restrict other commitments for this day, as you will be required to complete the ***full program*** in order to receive your certificate. It is said that "The wedding is a day, but the marriage is a lifetime," so concentrate your attention and give each other the gift of time on this day.

The dress is casual, so dress comfortably, but keep in mind that you will be attending Mass at the end of the day. We **STRONGLY** advise you to dress in layers, as the temperature of the building varies greatly from time to time, and we will have little control over the thermostat.

Love in Christ,

Deacon John and Barbara Owczarczak  
and the Before Cana Team