Bereavement Ministry

Ministry of Consolation Training provides practical, pastoral skills to priests, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers and lay volunteers who minister to those who have lost a loved one and are grieving. This training includes the Order of Christian Funerals and resources to develop a comprehensive bereavement ministry in the context of parish life.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact us:

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“The future of the world and of the Church passes by way of the family.” — St. Pope John Paul II

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Marriage Preparation

- **One-Day Pre-Cana** Guidelines are published by the office for use by parish teams. Pre-Cana sessions at parishes and retreat centers are published on our website, as well as Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends.

- **PREP® Marriage & Relationship Skills Program** is a research-based program that teaches skills for marital success for dating, engaged and married couples. This workshop fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples.

- **Couple Ministry Training** is offered twice a year to married couples who assist in marriage preparation. Continuing education of ministers is offered annually.

- **PREPARE-ENRICH Customized Relationship Inventory** is required for engaged couples in the Diocese of Cleveland. It also Enriches married couples. Please contact Bill Boomer for more information at 216-334-2971.

- **Cana II** is offered for engaged couples where one or both parties are remarrying. Register through our website or by contacting our office.

- **Natural Family Planning**, an integral part of marriage preparation and enrichment, helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy based on the science of fertility. Highly effective, natural and inexpensive. Contact Kathy Patton 216-334-2973

Family Ministry

- **Natural Family Planning / Chastity Education** provides resources and instruction to high school students, young adults, engaged and married couples on human sexuality and responsible parenthood. Resources and training to teach natural methods (ovulation and sympto-thermal methods) are available to clients. We maintain a list of NFP teaching couples and speakers, and have one of the most comprehensive training programs for NFP in the United States.

- **Active Parenting for Stepfamilies** is a video series designed to help couples build a successful stepfamily. It is designed for couples with stepchildren under age 18, and can be taken in conjunction with Cana II, or separately.

Marriage Enrichment

We assists parishes and districts in planning marriage enrichment programs; and can provide speakers and workshop presenters on topics related to marriage and parenting issues.

- **PREP® Marriage & Relationship Skills Program** is one of the most comprehensive and well-respected divorce-prevention/marriage enhancing programs in the world.

- **Retrouvaille** — This program is an intensive weekend and follow-up for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Information about the program and how to register is available on our website or by contacting the office.

Ministry to the Separated and Divorced

- **Sacred Steps to Peace: Catholic Divorce Recovery Program** — Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A “Working on the Steps” group meets every Thursday of each month, and is guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer and exercises from a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery.

Ministry to Older Adults

- **Ministry of Care and Compassion** This program teaches pastoral ministers how to effectively deliver homebound ministry in the parish community or other institution.

- **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** is held annually on the last Sunday in July, with the bishop of Cleveland at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. All couples married 50 years or more are invited. Couples register through their parish.