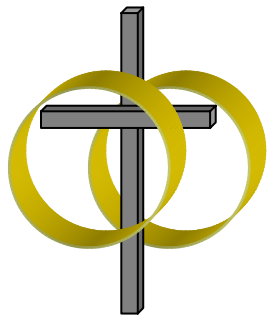


Living Catholic Marriage



"...and the two shall become one."

*Marriage Enrichment
Through Communication,
Faith, And Community*

Overview

God calls married couples to a life of love that mirrors the love relationship of Christ with the Church. However, living a faith-based marriage in the modern world can be a difficult challenge. We need God's grace to live our covenant with each other: "...to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part". Living Catholic Marriage is an experience of like-to-like ministry: couples encouraging other couples by their shared experience of living their marriage in faith.

Approach

The evening consists of a presentation given by a married couple in the Marriage Enrichment Ministry, followed by a time for personal reflection, and private sharing by spouses with each other. An opportunity is then provided for learning from other couples in the group. The presentations are practical experiences of the presenting couple as they live their marriage. Handouts are provided that summarize the key points of the presentation and provide useful information for continued discussion at home. The evening ends with prayer, refreshments and open fellowship. Couples recognize their marriage is a journey shared with and supported by others.

Topics

Topics for each session are selected from a list of topics of interest to the participating couples. Topics include communication in marriage, living our Catholic faith, and meeting the challenges from being married and raising a family in the modern world. Each topic is intended to affirm the ways we enrich our marriage and help us to improve where we can do better. Each couple draws from the evening what they want; no one offers advice about how to live the marriage of others, since each marriage relationship is unique.

Who Can Attend

Open to husbands and wives of all ages and years married who want to live their marriage in the faith tradition of the Catholic Church.

Schedule and Location

Meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the Parish Room of St. Edward's School. To verify the next meeting, see the church bulletin board or the weekly bulletin available on the church web site, www.stedward.com.