

## **Marriage Preparation Program Corpus Christi Parish**

The Marriage Preparation Program at Corpus Christi Parish is designed to help couples develop the skills needed for a healthy, holy marriage. The gift of sacramental marriage blesses both the lives of the couples and the life of the wider Church community.

Married couples from Corpus Christi Parish facilitate the program which includes presentations, individual couple exercises, and small group discussions. Topics include: Theology of marriage; communication; dealing with conflict; emotional and sexual intimacy; Natural Family Planning; money matters; and influences from family of origin.

At the end of the program, couples receive a Certificate of Attendance they need to bring to the priest or deacon preparing them for marriage. Though attending such a program is required in the diocese of Portland, the day is meant to be a “gift” the bride and groom make to each other, wherein they spend focused time on their relationship and their hopes for marriage.

The program will be held at Notre Dame Church in Waterville and runs from 6:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday evening and from 8:30am – 5:00pm on Saturday. The weekend then closes with a ritual at a parish Mass (4:00pm Mass at Notre Dame) when the entire community is invited to pray for the couples preparing for Marriage. Family members of the engaged couples are encouraged to attend this Mass.

Snacks, beverages and Saturday lunch are provided.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

**March 9 & 10, 2012**

Cost of the program is \$125 per couple (a scholarship is possible upon request, when necessary). Full payment is due with registration. Phone inquiries can be made at 207-872-2373. Space is limited to 12 couples. Registration is complete and your space reserved when we receive a completed registration form and payment. We will send you an e-mail confirming your registration.

*For registration forms please speak to the priest preparing you for your marriage or contact Kim Suttie, 872-2373 or [kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org)*