

**ADDENDUM TO ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE POLICY**

**Ordinary and Extra Ordinary Forms of Marriage Preparation**

**Ordinary Forms:**

- **“Preparing to Live in Love” - This provides formation in Church teaching and life skills via lead couple instruction and witness. This program is ideally presented in seven sessions with one lead couple instructing one engaged couple. This same material can be presented by one lead couple over four sessions to a single couple or to a small group (3-4 ) of couples.**
- **Weekend Version of “Preparing to Live in Love” – This is similar content to the program above, but is condensed to fit into a weekend format. Runs over a Saturday and Sunday. The Office of Marriage and Family Life recommends the standard “Preparing to Live in Love” program over the weekend version, but both are considered “ordinary forms” of marriage preparation in the Archdiocese.**
- **School of Love - This program is provided through the “School of Love” a Public Association of the Christian Faithful and affords formation through lecture format and couple discussion of the concepts in small group settings. This is an eight- session course of instruction.**
- **“Catholic Engaged Encounter” - This is a weekend preparation that is presented in a retreat center. The engaged receive presentations by a married couple and priest which are followed by personal reflection and couple sharing time.**

**Extra Ordinary Form:**

- **“Agape Catholic Marriage Preparation” - This is an on-line marriage preparation course that can be completed from three weeks up to six months. The engaged couple receives instruction from a mentor couple on-line which covers Church teaching and life skills. Couples are given follow-up questions and personal reflection questions to assure there has been a good grasp of the materials presented.**

**Please note: This extraordinary form of preparation is for use in situations where the couple is unable to receive the ordinary forms of preparation.**

**This preparation might be helpful when the couple is separated due to military deployment or assignment and will not have sufficient time together prior to the wedding to receive an ordinary form of marriage preparation.**