

### *How Do We Know If We're Confirmed?*

Every attempt is made to accommodate couples for their preferred date. Due to availability, we must sometimes confirm the alternate option.

Upon processing your application, a confirmation letter will be emailed to each provided address.

This will:

- ◆ acknowledge the date for which you are registered
- ◆ give the address where the program takes place
- ◆ outline details not included in this brochure

Be sure to check both your **Inbox and Junk folder**. If you do not have confirmation within 2 weeks of submitting your paperwork, please contact our office at **deb@dosp.org**

### *What If We Have to Cancel or Postpone?*

All fees go into effect as soon as your paperwork is processed, and a confirmation letter is generated.

- To postpone without penalty, notice must be received a **minimum of 14 days prior** to the program date. A **\$100 fee** applies if less notice is given.
- Those who **no-show** and wish to reschedule must pay a **\$100 fee** to cover any program expenses we incurred.
- The registration fee is fully refundable however **notice must be received in writing 14 days or more days** before the confirmed date. Otherwise, a **\$100 fee** is imposed.

### *F Y I...*

- ◆ Each couple will receive a certificate of completion providing the bride and groom were both present for the entire program.
- ◆ Since this is a couple-based experience, we are unable to accommodate individuals. If you cannot attend together, please contact us for further instructions.
- ◆ If either of you were **previously married**, contact the priest or deacon assisting with your sacramental preparation to see if the **Remarriage Program** might be a more suitable option.
- ◆ **If you have children:** While we *absolutely love* children...regardless of age and/or circumstances, **we are not able to accommodate them during the program**. Please make arrangements for their care. If this is not possible, please contact us before registering. Also...don't forget to arrange care for your pet(s) as you won't have time to leave during the day.

*If you have any questions or need further assistance...don't hesitate to contact us!*

*Office of Marriage & Family Life*

*Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Email: [deb@dosp.org](mailto:deb@dosp.org)*

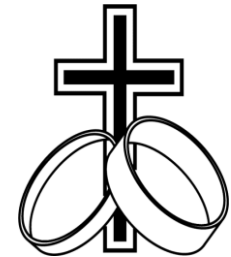
*Phone: 727 - 341 - 6847*

# *Journey to Matrimony 2025*

*A One-Day Preparation Program For First Marriages*

*Marriages that last a lifetime demand love, loyalty, forgiveness, and God's grace!*

*A Wedding is a Day...*



*A Marriage is Lifetime!*

*Office of Marriage & Family Life  
Diocese of St. Petersburg*

*Congratulations on your decision to marry!  
It is our pleasure to accompany you on your  
journey toward the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

Our hope is that this experience will enrich your relationship as you look toward the Sacrament of Marriage. The program is intended for engaged couples when the bride and groom are both entering marriage for the first time. A variety of presentation methods are used which include the program facilitator, a marriage & family therapist or licensed mental health counselor, married couple(s), and/or DVD's.

### *When Should We Attend?*

*A few things to consider. . .*

- ▶ We recommend attending a **minimum of 3 months** prior to your wedding.
- ▶ Try to avoid signing up for the program the month of or month before your wedding. That way if something unexpected arises, there may still be other opportunities to complete this requirement.
- ▶ Getting confirmed depends on the availability at the time your paperwork is received.
- ▶ A late fee may apply to those trying to sign up after the deadline.

### *Schedule, Deadlines & Registration Details*

January	18th	Deadline 1/3/25
February	15th	Deadline 1/31/25
March	15th	Deadline 2/28/25
April	5th	Deadline 3/21/25
May	17th	Deadline 5/2/25
June	21st	Deadline 6/6/25
July	19th	Deadline 7/3/25
September	20th	Deadline 9/5/25
October	18th	Deadline 10/3/25
November	15th	Deadline 10/31/25

### *How Do We Sign Up?*

Apply online at:

<https://www.dosp.org/jtm-application/>

- ▶ After completing the application, you will be directed to **another site for online payment.**
- ▶ Applications are usually processed within a few days of being submitted.
- ▶ Be sure your schedules are free of other commitments as you must both be present for the entire program.

### *How Much Does It Cost?*

**Before** the deadline - **\$175** per couple

**After** the deadline - **\$225\*** per couple

***\*If the deadline passed, before  
signing up contact us to see if:***

✓ *space is still available*

✓ *the late fee will apply*

Those with financial difficulties should contact  
**deb@dosp.org**

### *Additional Information*

#### *Where Is Journey to Matrimony Held?*

The program takes place near downtown Tampa. Details are included in the confirmation letter.

#### *What Is Include?*

All program related costs, materials, lunch, and dinner.

#### *What About Dietary Needs?*

Most dietary requests can be met, but we ask that they be limited to those that are **medically necessary.** Menu choices offered by the caterer may keep us from being able to assist those with extreme needs.

We are not able to accommodate food likes, dislikes, personal preferences, or lifestyle choices such as Keto, low fat, low carb, etc. Meals typically consist of a salad, starch, protein, vegetable, bread/rolls, and dessert. Hopefully, everyone will be able to work around the selected menu.

#### *What Are The Program Times?*

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends no later than 8:30 p.m.

Yes...this is a long day. It is for us too. Out of respect for everyone's time, we felt it was best to consolidate this into one day rather than two. Also...be mindful that both Church and State requirements have to be met.

Hopefully, couples will find this experience a worthwhile investment of their time as they look toward spending a lifetime together!

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