

PAYMENT DETAILS

We wish to pay \$ _____ by:

Cheque Money Order
Mastercard Visa

Card No: _____

Cardholder's name: _____

Expiry date: _____

Signature: _____

Cost \$210.00 per couple.

Concession available (eg Health Care Card), please phone Centacare.

Fee subject to change.

Please make all cheques payable to Centacare.

Forward payment and registration form to the Centacare office you wish to attend, marked 'Course Coordinator'.

Centacare Catholic Family & Community Services is a Marriage and Relationship Education Agency funded by the Australian Government.

Other support is provided by the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and through fees and donations.

All our facilitators are trained in Marriage and Relationship Education.

For more information about our courses please phone or visit our website at:
www.centacarebrisbane.net.au

WHAT COUPLES SAY

"We benefited a great deal and recommend the course to other couples." [F]

"I enjoyed the course. It promoted discussion between us." [M]

"Very informative. Gave us a whole new perspective on our relationship." [F]

"Very educational and well presented." [F]

"Discussing issues constructively was beneficial." [M]

"Very good affirmation of our relationship. Communication segment was very useful." [F]

"The structure and content helped us get around to discussing issues that we had not discussed." [M]

"Very interesting and worthwhile." [F]

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foccus

a pre-marriage education program

f - facilitating

O - open

C - couple

C - communication

U - understanding

S - study

FOCCUS PROGRAM

Involves:

- The couple and an accredited facilitator, exploring their relationship and affirming their decision to marry.
- Three one hour private sessions over a period of three weeks.
- Must be **COMPLETED** a minimum of two months before the wedding.
- Cost \$210 per couple.

HOW THE FOCCUS PROGRAM WORKS

The program enables the couple, with the help of a trained facilitator, to explore pertinent issues relating to marriage. This involves asking each person to respond to a comprehensive set of statements. By comparing responses, strengths and areas for growth are highlighted and discussed in feedback sessions.

- **FOCCUS IS NOT** a test that the couple can pass or fail.
- **FOCCUS** is a Pre Marriage Education Program and **IS NOT** counselling.
- The **FOCCUS** Program is confidential.

WHY FOCCUS?

Intense preparation forms a vital part of any career. Marriage is no exception! Research indicates that people entering marriage benefit from an opportunity to explore their relationship in depth.

FOCCUS was developed to concentrate on the areas that a couple consider important for discussion and reflection prior to their marriage.

SUGGESTED AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

Couple match regarding: **Significant issues:**

- Lifestyle expectations
- Friends and interests
- Personality match
- Personal issues
- Spirituality and values
- Parenting
- Extended family issues
- Sexuality
- Finance

Basic Skills:

- Communication
- Problem solving
- Decision making

Special issues:

- Inter-faith marriage
- Second marriage
- Cohabitation

VENUES AND TIMES

- In Brisbane, sessions are held at Fortitude Valley during office hours.
- Sessions are also available on the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and the Fraser Coast.
- Some strictly limited after hours sessions are available.
- No sessions are available on weekends.
- Advance bookings required.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM FOCCUS?

- Any couple in a committed relationship;
- Couples considering becoming engaged, and;
- Couples preparing for marriage.

CONFIDENTIAL

Please use this form to book for the FOCCUS Program

NO BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE OR EMAIL

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

[F] Name _____
(N.B. This name will appear on your certificate)

Address _____

Suburb _____ Post Code _____

Ph (b/h) _____ (a/h) _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Country of Birth _____

Religious Preference _____ Age _____

Is this your first marriage? _____

[M] Name _____
(N.B. This name will appear on your certificate)

Address _____

Suburb _____ P/Code _____

Ph (b/h) _____ (a/h) _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Country of Birth _____

Religious Preference _____ Age _____

Is this your first marriage? _____

Referred by (*please circle one*) Self Family Friend
Minister Civil Celebrant Advertising

Date of Marriage _____

Celebrant's name _____

Celebrant's address (in full) _____

_____ P/Code _____

Please circle the phone number you would prefer us to use during office hours.

Please contact our office if you have any special needs, e.g. injury, disability, pregnancy, hearing, vision, language etc.