

Today's Goal:

Focus on deanery goal surrounding the theme of marriage accompaniment, most especially marriage mentoring, with the aim to achieve diocesan goal of:

“...a catechumenal approach to marriage centered on the Lord’s call to mission...which encompasses: formation, vocational awareness, and accompaniment through all its stages.”

Proposed SMART Goal:

The _____ will create sustainable marriage ministries in the deanery, maintaining an annual calendar of events intentionally focused on marriage enrichment while providing for the identification, selection and training of marriage mentor couples, in alignment with the Diocese of Cleveland’s guidelines for marriage to be completed by three years from the adoption of this goal.

Milestones/Sequential Goals: (with accompanying resource)

1. Identify Marriage Catechumenate Liaison who will support the pastoral plan for marriage ministry within the deanery.
 - a. Marriage Catechumenate Liaison Job Description
2. Assess quantitatively any existing marriage “assets”: numbers of marriages, active marriage ministries, specialized staff roles, marriage mentor couples, and regularly occurring marriage programs, retreats, etc.
 - a. Audit Document (in development)
3. Assess qualitatively any existing marriage ministry “assets”: What appears to be working? What is drawing people in? What is fruitful?
 - a. Audit Document: (in development)
4. Develop calendar of events: parish, deanery, and diocese.
 - a. Guiding Document for Marriage Ministry Events (in development)
5. Host group Prepare/Enrich events: kickstart marriage ministries- both supporting and enriching couples while helping to identify and develop potential future mentor couples.
 - a. Marriage Ministry Start-up How-to (in development)
6. Identify, select, and train marriage mentors (along with pastors and Office of Marriage and Family Ministry) to meet 25% of the total number of weddings within the deanery.
 - a. Marriage Mentoring Process Documents (in development)