

# FOCCUS

## FACILITATING OPEN COUPLE COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING & STUDY

Dear Engaged Couple,

As part of your marriage preparation schedule, Blessed Sacrament requires that each engaged couple participate in a pre-marriage inventory called FOCCUS.

FOCCUS is a helpful tool designed to assist couples to learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. It is not a test, nor is it meant as a predictor of success or failure in marriage. It is an instrument which helps couples name and work through issues which may need to be addressed prior to marriage. FOCCUS provides individualized couple feedback on where each partner stands in regard to topic areas important to marriage.

You are encouraged to register for FOCCUS as soon as possible after your engagement. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE FOCCUS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING DATE. There are two options for completing the inventory: you may come to one of the regularly scheduled sessions in the parish, or you may complete the inventory online at home. There is a \$15 fee to cover scoring/administrative charges, whether you come to a parish session or work online.

The sessions in the parish meet on Saturday mornings; each lasts approximately one hour. Please arrive a few minutes before 10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Upcoming dates are listed below. To complete the inventory online, you need to have the presider who is working with you register you as a couple online, then, you can fill out the inventory (individually) at your convenience at home.

After completing the inventory, computer scoring identifies areas of agreement and disagreement. You are asked to call the presider of your wedding *two weeks after* the date you complete FOCCUS. Your inventory report will be held in strict confidentiality, and there will be ample opportunity to discuss the results together.

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Please register us for the following FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ONLINE, at home  | <input type="checkbox"/> October 7, 2006 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January 13, 2007 | (snow date: January 20, 2007)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 3, 2007    | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2, 2007    |

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Presider (priest or deacon): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the bottom part of this form with a \$15 check or money order, payable to "Blessed Sacrament Parish" to Beverly Good, Blessed Sacrament Parish, 10 Diamond Street, Walpole, MA 02081. Thank you.