

Questions included in the Catholic Marriage Preparation Survey 2010: Survey of Couples Prepared in 2010 for Marriage

The Catholic Bishops' Committee for Marriage and Family Life invites all couples who have received marriage preparation this year within the Catholic community in England and Wales* to complete this short survey. Thank you for your time. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Each partner is asked to please take this survey individually.

The purpose of this survey is to clarify how couples experience the marriage preparation courses that are offered to them by the Catholic community. Responses are anonymous.

There are 25 questions to this survey. When you have completed this survey, please click "Done" and exit.

*Please note that this survey is only for marriage preparation provided in ENGLAND OR WALES. If you received marriage preparation elsewhere, please do not complete this survey.

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1. Please provide your location.

City/Town:

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2. In which Diocese do you live?

3. Where did the course take place?

City/Town:

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4. Has your partner already taken this survey?

If not, please encourage him or her to do so.

Yes No Do not know

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5. What is your current marital status?

Married Single: cohabiting Single: living separately Divorced Widowed

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6. What is your partner's current marital status?

Married Single: cohabiting Single: living separately Divorced Widowed

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7. What is the approximate length of your courtship?

Less than 1 year 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years 6 years 7 years 8 years 9 years 10 years Greater than 10 years

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8. In which month did the course take place? (If more than one month, please state the month in which it began.)

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9. How far in advance of your wedding did you attend this course?

Less than a month 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-9 months 9-12 months More than 12 months

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10. For which month is/was your wedding planned?

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11. Where did/will your marriage take place (country)?

UK (England or Wales) UK (Scotland or Ireland)

Other (please specify):

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12. What best describes your religious affiliation as a couple?

Catholic-Catholic Catholic-Christian of other denomination Catholic-Person of another faith Catholic-Agnostic Catholic-Atheist

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13. Why did you take a marriage preparation course? Please rate your reasons for doing so.

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Did not apply
To give our marriage the best possible start	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is compulsory in our diocese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is compulsory in our parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The priest recommended the course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends' recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouragement of family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

14. Was it easy or difficult to find information about a marriage preparation programme and to organize participation?

- Difficult
- Slightly Inconvenient
- Easy

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15. Who delivered your marriage preparation programme? Please tick all that apply.

- Parish deacon
- Officiating priest or deacon (if different from above)
- Parish marriage preparation provider or team
- Diocesan marriage preparation provider
- Marriage Care centre
- Another marriage preparation centre

Other (please specify)

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16. How much did you pay for your marriage preparation course?

- It was free of charge
 Less than £30
 £30-£50
 £50-£75
 £75-£100
 More than £100

Other (please specify)

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17. Length of course: please indicate the length of your programme.

- Day
 Half-day
 1.5 days
 Series of evenings
 Residential weekend
 Non-residential weekend
 Other (please specify)

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18. If your course was evaluated, how did you provide feedback?

- No evaluation apparent
 Verbal feedback given
 Written feedback form completed
 Telephone follow up received
 Online questionnaire completed

Other (please specify)

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19. How do you rate the following?

Scale from 1: No/Strongly Disagree to 5: Yes/Strongly Agree

	1	2	3	4	5
Advance information - did you know what to expect beforehand?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timing, location and accessibility - was it easy for you both to take part?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcome and hospitality - were you made to feel at ease and comfortable with the facilitators and other participants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity of facilitators - did you feel they had a genuine interest in the health and strength of your marriage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevance of course content - was it pitched at the right level for you? Was anything new, surprising or especially useful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of course – was it the proper amount of time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information about ongoing support for your marriage. Do you know where to go in the future for advice on deepening your relationship or help in resolving difficult situations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Was anything left out that you would have wanted to be included? If you are not sure what this might look like you can find some ideas for content at www.catholicmarriage.org.uk

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20. How do you rate the following?

Scale from 1: Poor to 5: Excellent

	1	2	3	4	5
The quality of the facilitators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The quality of the course content	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The value of the course to your marriage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your overall experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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21. How has your experience of preparing for your wedding and marriage affected:

	Improved	About the same	Diminished
Your understanding of yourself, your partner, and your relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your understanding of or views on marriage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your understanding of the Catholic faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your views of the Catholic Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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22. Would you recommend a similar course to other couples?

Yes No Unsure

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23. Would you consider training to become marriage preparation facilitators yourselves at some time in the future?

Yes No

24. If you would like to provide additional feedback on your experience please do so here.

25. If you would like to receive e-mail updates on the progress of this survey please add your e-mail address here.

Name:

E-mail Address:

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