

Questions included in the Catholic Marriage Preparation Survey 2010: Survey of Marriage Preparation Providers

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The Catholic Bishops' Committee for Marriage and Family Life invites all providers of marriage preparation within the Catholic community in England and Wales* to complete this short survey once during 2010. Thank you for your time. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

If you work with a partner or as part of a group facilitating marriage preparation, every member is encouraged to take this survey individually.

If the extent of the preparation you provide is simply walking a couple through the paperwork, we would still like to hear from you.

The purpose of this survey is to clarify who is providing marriage preparation, the number and experience of providers, the training and support they receive, and the kind of programmes offered to couples planning to marry.

There are 24 questions to this survey. When you have completed this page please move on to the next.

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

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1. Please provide your name and location.

Name:

City/Town:

Diocese (if known):

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2. Are you a lay person, professed religious or ordained?

Lay Person Religious Sister or Brother Ordained Priest Ordained Deacon

Other (please specify):

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3. What is your current marital status?

Married Single Separated Divorced Widowed

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4. How long have you been preparing couples for marriage?

Less than 1 year Between 1 and 3 years Between 3 and 7 years More than 7 years

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How did you come to be involved in marriage preparation?

- Pastoral ministry as priest or deacon
 Request from priest, deacon, parish, or deanery
 Request from someone already involved with marriage preparation
 Inspired by own marriage preparation experience
 Felt the need to offer marriage preparation in an area lacking available courses

Other (please specify):

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6. How does your ministry preparing couples for marriage contribute to the life and mission of the Church?

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7. What training and/or support have you been given as a marriage preparation provider? Please tick all that apply.

- Marriage Care training
- Diocesan training programme
- FOCCUS training
- Engaged Encounter training
- Holy Trinity Brompton training
- Parish-based training
- Regular professional development
- None
- Other (please specify):

8. If you would like to supply any additional information on this section of the survey please do so here.

PAGE 2: You may be involved in a range of courses but please describe on this page the one you usually provide.

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

- Day
- Half-day
- 1.5 Days
- Series of evenings
- Residential weekend
- Non-residential weekend
- 24 hours
- Other (please specify):

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10. About how many hours in total does your programme last? Please just count the hours delivering programme content to couples.

- Less than 4 hours
- 4-8 hours
- 8-12 hours
- 12-16 hours
- 16-20 hours
- More than 20 hrs

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11. Your programme was developed by:

- Yourself
- Yourself and a team
- Your parish priest
- Your diocese
- An organisation
- Other (please specify):

12. If your programme was developed by an organisation other than your diocese please indicate which one:

- Marriage Care
- Engaged Encounter
- Holy Trinity Brompton
- Churches Together (eg The Marriage Course) (Carefully Prepared)
- Other (please specify):

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13. Course content: Please indicate which of these topics you discuss with couples.

We appreciate that you may refer couples on to those who may be more expert in these areas so we have allowed for you to indicate this.

	Yes, with a strong emphasis	Yes, with a moderate emphasis	No	Refer to others
Marriage as a sacrament	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The meaning of the marriage vows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marital spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issues arising from families of origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationship stages and changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpersonal communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Factors that sustain and protect relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment and work/life balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexuality and its expression in marriage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fertility awareness and family planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact of parenthood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rite of marriage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian life and service as a couple/family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

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14. Approximately what percentage of the couples you prepare for marriage are both Catholic, whether practising or not?

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15. Approximately what percentage of the couples you prepare for marriage are both Christian, whether practising or not?

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16. Does the course facilitate the raising of interfaith issues?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes please specify how this is done.

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17. How many times do you expect to deliver this course to couples in 2010?

Just once 2-3 times 4-6 times 6-8 times 8-12 times More than 12 times

Other (please specify):

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18. During which months are you generally busiest preparing couples for marriage?

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

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19. If couples pay for course participation, how much is the fee or donation for a course?

Don't charge Less than £30 £30-£50 £50-£75 £75-£100 More than £100

Other (please specify):

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20. If you evaluate your course, how do you do this?

Don't evaluate Verbal feedback Written feedback form Telephone follow up Online questionnaire

Other (please specify):

21. If you would like to include some of the feedback you have had from couples please do so here.

22. If you have any other comments, please use this space.

23. 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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24. Thank you for completing this survey. Please would you continue to help us by completing the monthly statistics survey indicating the number of couples you prepare during the year. You can find this at www.catholicmarriage.org.uk.

*Please note that the password for this monthly statistics survey is: **covenant**

The Committee for Marriage and Family Life would like to retain the option of following up this survey with marriage preparation providers at some time in the future. Please indicate if you are happy to be contacted by a researcher for more information about your work.

Yes, I am happy to be contacted in the future by e-mail.

No thank you.

If you did not provide your e-mail address for the previous questions but have checked 'Yes' above, please include your e-mail address here: