



Catholic Marriage Preparation Survey 2010

Newsletter: Progress through October

The Catholic Marriage Preparation Survey 2010 conducted by the Marriage and Family Life Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has completed its tenth month. In this time, a total of 326 responses have been collected from priests, deacons, marriage preparation providers, and couples involved in Catholic marriage preparation this year.

For anyone who has not yet completed the survey, please go to <http://www.catholicmarriage.org.uk>. Your participation is greatly appreciated! For those who have completed the survey, the following results are provided upon request for updates on progress of the survey.

Highlights from the Survey of Couples Prepared for Marriage in 2010:

112 responses have been collected

- 74% of couples take a marriage preparation course less than 6 months before their wedding
- 41% of couples are both Catholic, with 39% of couples being comprised of one Catholic and one Christian of another denomination
- 34% of couple's courses were one day, with 40% of couple's courses being a series of evenings
- 81% rated the quality of course content as a 4 or 5 out of a possible 5
- 42% of participating couples would consider becoming marriage preparation facilitators

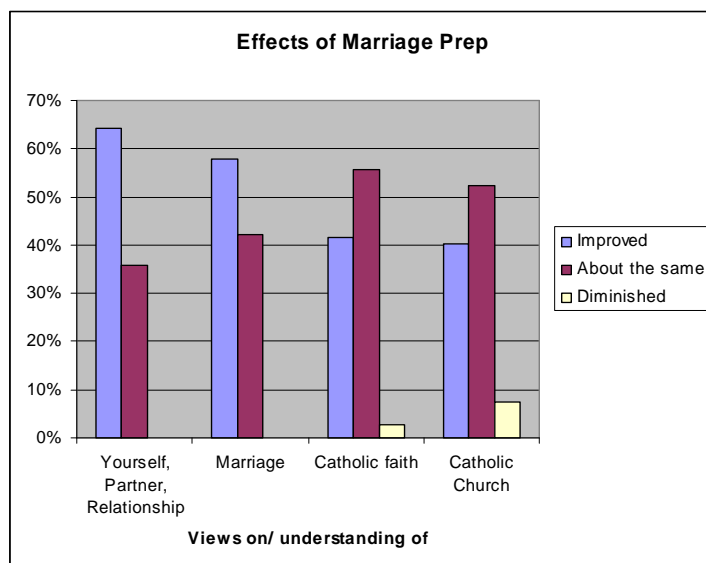
Comments received from couples who experienced marriage preparation:

If only all couples could attend these workshops

A must for all couples getting married. It gives us the tools for our married life. It makes me appreciate my partner more

The sessions were very useful and strengthened us not only as individuals but as a couple

You have really made a huge difference to our lives, our marriages and hopefully our careers



Highlights from the Survey of Marriage Preparation Providers:

214 responses have been collected

- 82% of marriage preparation providers are themselves married
- 53% of providers have been preparing couples for marriage for more than 7 years
- 73% of courses are between 4 and 8 hours long
- 40% of providers will offer courses 2 or 3 times this year, and 69% of providers have run courses in the month of March

We have free prayer cards to give to couples preparing for marriage this year. If you would like to receive a special prayer card in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, please e-mail Erik with your mailing address: Erik.Bock@cbcw.org.uk