

2008 Pre-Marriage Workshops

Trinity Cathedral Columbia, South Carolina

February 1-2 *↔* **April 25-26** *↔* **July 11-12** *↔* **September 26-27**

Friday evenings: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. & Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Marriage is a sacrament – a sign of God's presence in the world. We believe, therefore, that it is not to be entered into “unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.” That is why if you are planning to be married at Trinity Cathedral, you will be expected to attend one of our Pre-Marriage Workshops prior to your wedding. Couples living in Columbia who plan to be married in other cities are also welcome to attend.

The workshop will offer you opportunities to:

- clarify the assumptions and expectations that you and your partner have of each other in marriage
- clarify your assumptions and expectations of yourself in marriage
- identify husband and wife role models that are part of your history
- learn and practice communication skills
- look at areas of possible difficulty and opportunity, such as money, sexuality, in-laws, religion, and children
- examine the meanings of marriage that each of you bring to the relationship
- examine the meanings of marriage that the Church affirms.

The Pre-Marriage Workshops begin on Friday evening and end by early afternoon on Saturday. It is important that both of you be able to attend all sessions of the weekend which you select. You will work primarily with your partner in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Plan to dress informally and comfortably.

Cost for the workshop is \$50 per couple and includes Saturday lunch. You may pay in advance when you register for the workshop or when you come to the first session.

Cathedral clergy will conduct all the workshop sessions. At lunch on Saturday, several couples from the parish will join the group for an informal panel discussion.

You will receive a packet of materials about a week before the workshop for which you have registered. Please take time to work through the questionnaires in an unhurried way.

If you have questions, please contact Canon Charles Davis at (803) 771-7300 or davis@trinitysc.org. Please complete the registration form confirming your attendance at one of the Pre-Marriage Workshops.

**Return to: Pre-Marriage Workshop, Trinity Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201.
Attn: Betty Hudgens.**

We _____ and _____
Address _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

will attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop on: _____

We enclose \$ _____.

Date and location of Wedding _____ Clergy _____

(Checks should be made payable to Trinity Cathedral.)