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A 5-week online Pre-Marriage Course, held live every other month via Zoom or available anytime with a self-paced option

2

A 6-session Beloved program hosted by a parish mentor couple, or offered through a weekend retreat

3

A Natural Family Planning overview, held the 1st Wednesday evening of the month online

These components can be accomplished in any order and are offered on a regular basis. To see a more detailed description of each component, the current schedule of when each is offered and to register online, please visit our website at [diocesefwsb.org/marriage-preparation](https://diocesefwsb.org/marriage-preparation). Completion of these three components may be followed by additional sessions with a priest or pastoral minister at your parish.

We are confident that taking the time to invest in your relationship through the process of marriage preparation will significantly benefit your future life as husband and wife. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, and may God bless you as you prepare together for a lifetime of married love!

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