

# TESTIMONIALS

*Everlasting Love* is the Marriage Preparation Course of the Archdiocese of Sydney provided by priests, professional Catholic speakers and the Life, Marriage, and Family Team.

## COUPLE REVIEWS AND TESTIMONIALS

*This retreat was extremely helpful to our marriage preparation as there were lots of nuggets of wisdom that we could take into our future. I feel a lot more confident and joyful going into marriage now. I particularly liked the order of the topics, it made the information easier to process.*

*I felt it was super beneficial and was a great opportunity for us to take time away and really focus. I would almost suggest it be promoted as something couples do in the early months of their engagement before they have a date.*

*It was a great weekend. Thank you so much, we are so glad we did the course in person and not online.*



# ABOUT US

## LIFE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY OFFICE

The Life, Marriage and Family team in Sydney Centre for Evangelisation serves parishes and its communities through initiatives that build a culture that supports marriages and families in their vocations and affirms the dignity of the human person.

We collaboratively work with parish priests, local leaders and apostolates to provide opportunities for spiritual encounter, growth and formation in the sacramental, RCIA, marriage, family, men's and women's spaces.

Explore our offerings and feel free to get in touch with our team members to explore how we can support the cultivation of truth and love, dignity and beauty, evangelisation and mission within your parish communities, for the renewal of our Church.

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# EVERLASTING LOVE

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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# WHAT IS EVERLASTING LOVE



Among life's pressures and competing priorities, the relationships that matter most are often neglected. We spend years honing our professional skills but give little time and intentional effort to the relationship that both matters and demands the most: marriage.

'Everlasting Love' is a God-centred marriage preparation course empowering engaged couples to future proof their relationship and make marriage last!

The program gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage. It highlights the importance of God's grace and of intentional human love in the building of a joy-filled, fruitful and lifelong relationship.

There are some great online Catholic marriage preparation courses out there. Our course however offers something they don't: it's in-person! This allows engaged couples to retreat from their screens and their busy lives to spend some dedicated time profoundly reflecting on their future lives together in a beautiful and peaceful setting.

Engaged couples will have the opportunity to connect with other engaged couples; learn about the Catholic Church's rich teaching on the Sacrament of Marriage; and receive practical tips on how to make marriage last from real life married couples and professionals in the field.

Marriage is not a day but a lifetime. Attending Everlasting Love is one important step in future proofing your relationship.

## WHY CHOOSE EVERLASTING LOVE?

### Evidence based

*Everlasting Love* provides valuable social-scientific research that helps engaged couples understand their family history, recognise their communication tendencies, relational habits, and behavioral traits. It equips couples to communicate effectively, identify dysfunctional behavior, and how to resolve conflict.

### Theological and Spiritual

*Everlasting Love* highlights the profundity and meaning of Catholic marriage, its fundamental components, and duties. The course unpacks the theological and spiritual dimensions of marriage, demonstrating that it's more than just a human relationship. It highlights the Christ-centered focus of marriage, giving couples renewed, elevated, and lasting purpose to love God and each other.

### Experiential

*Everlasting Love* includes testimonies from Catholic couples illustrating how the lofty vision of Catholic marriage is lived out concretely in daily life. Engaged couples will be inspired by the working of God's grace, generosity of married love and the heroic virtue lived by these married couples.

### Personal

*Everlasting Love* is person-centered. The course aims at addressing the whole person, physically, spiritually, relationally and circumstantially.

*Everlasting Love* incorporates not only information but formation, giving couples the opportunity to discuss their relationship, pray, frequent the Sacraments, and meet other engaged couples. *Everlasting Love* facilitates these opportunities because it is in-person away from screens and the daily distractions of life.

## COURSE INFORMATION

### COURSE FEES

Course fees are set at \$350 per couple. The fee includes all resources and catering throughout the duration of the course. You will receive a certificate at the end of the course.

### COURSE DURATION

Although marriage preparation is a lifelong pursuit, Everlasting Love is held over the space of a weekend.

The course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay)

**Day 1** takes place on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm.

**Day 2** is held on a Saturday starting at 9am and ending at 5pm.

### COURSE SESSIONS AND LOCATIONS

*Everlasting Love* is typically offered 3 times a year, held at various parish locations across the Archdiocese of Sydney.

This aims to make the course more accessible to couples within the bounds of the Sydney Archdiocese, and, more importantly, introduce couples to vibrant parish communities where they can gain ongoing support in their faith, married life, and growing families.

For dates and locations please refer to yearly calendar insert or scan the QR Code below.

