

Dear Marriage & Family Minister

We are writing to share with you an exciting marriage preparation program from the Diocese of Saint Cloud. *Fully Engaged*, a Catholic pre-marital inventory, is a comprehensive, catechetical tool that forms engaged couples in the riches of Church teaching while equipping them with the essential skills needed for a healthy marriage. With the crisis of faith in today's culture, we can no longer presuppose that couples seeking marriage know their faith. Therefore, it is necessary to take the opportunity of marriage preparation to catechize our couples in addition to teaching "marriage skills."

*Fully Engaged* is both an inventory and marriage preparation program. It utilizes:

- Statements that reach to the heart of what it means to live out a sacramental life in the Church
- A Couple's Workbook that offers concise catechetical information and reflection questions that allow the couple to discuss topical items on a deeper level
- A Facilitator's Guide that assists mentor couples, priests and deacons to facilitate dialogue between the couple on a variety of topical areas that are tailored to the individual couple
- Follow-up e-mails for the first year of marriage that encourage the couple's development and engagement in the Church

*Fully Engaged* also offers a complete Convalidation inventory. This inventory emphasizes the sacramental meaning of marriage and offers a more comprehensive examination of Catholic parenting. The convalidation program is not simply a "tack-on" section, but a full instrument designed to meet the practical and canonical needs of couples who have been civilly married for a number of years.

Our goal in creating *Fully Engaged* was to offer an excellent resource that was accessible and affordable for parishes. *Fully Engaged* costs approximately \$20 per couple and is available in English and Spanish. Over one hundred dioceses are currently using the program.

We have enclosed a samples of our materials and details about our program for you to examine. More information is available on the website: [www.getfullyengaged.com](http://www.getfullyengaged.com) or by contacting Jill Svihel, Coordinator of the *Fully Engaged* Program at (320) 258-7611.

We believe *Fully Engaged* is an excellent program that can be used as a teaching tool for those seeking marriage in the Catholic Church today. We look forward to serving you and your engaged couples.

Sincerely, in Christ,



Christine Codden