



Marriage & Family Life Institute

**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Institute of Pastoral Studies
UST School of Theology at St. Mary Seminary**

For Clergy, Lay Ministers & Others Who Minister to and with Families

Module 1: Foundations of Marriage & Family Life

*Faculty: Dr. Jeremy Wilkins, Msgr. Frank Rossi,
Dcn. Gerald DuPont, & Mrs. Winnie Honeywell*

**August 28 through November 13, 2008
Nold Building at St. Mary Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive, Houston**

**All classes are held from 7:00 pm till 9:45 pm
At St. Mary Seminary, Nold Building**

Course 1 (12 hours) Catholic Teaching on Marriage & Family Life

Class 1, Thurs., August 28. – *Vision of the Church on Marriage & Family*
Introduction to Institute & Its Purpose
Overview of Modules & Course Structure
Essential Requirement: A “Living” Foundation
Mission of Marriage & Family Ministry

Class 2, Thurs., September 4 – *Foundational Teachings on the Christian Family*
Roots in Scripture
Marriage in the Early Church
History of Marriage Teaching
Councils & Key Documents prior to Vatican II

Class 3, Thurs., September 11 – *Vatican II Vision on the Christian Family*
The Council’s Vision of Marriage & Family
Vocation of the Laity & Call to Holiness
Domestic Church
Focus on Specific Documents (*Lumen Gentium, Gaudium et Spes, etc.*)

Class 4, Thurs., September 18 – *Post Vatican II Documents on Marriage & Family*
Paul VI – *Humanae Vitae, Evangelii Nuntiandi*
John Paul II – *Familiaris Consortio, Donum Vitae, etc.*
Key Themes and Their Importance

Course 2 (12 hours) Theology of Marriage & Family Life

Class 1, Thurs., September 25 – *Marriage as Sacrament*

Sacramental Theology in General
Public Nature of Marriage
Ecclesial Dimension – Domestic Church
Marriage as Ministry – Sign & Symbol

Class 2, Thurs., October 2 – *Marriage as Covenant*

Theology of the Rite
The Vows: Permanence, Faithfulness, Openness to Life
The Call to Sacrificial Love & Forgiveness
Perseverance in Grace of the Sacrament

Class 3, Thurs., October 9 – *Marriage as Vocation*

Marriage as an Ascetical Vocation
The Mission of the Family: JP II's "4 Tasks"
Discipleship and Marriage
The "Limits" of Marriage & Family Life

Class 4, Thurs., October 16 – *Church's Role in Marriage & Family*

Cultural Alternatives to Sacramental Marriage
Education & Formation Across the Lifecycle
Current USCCB Documents (*Family Perspective, Follow the Way of Love*, etc.)
JP II – Letter on the Family

Course 3 (12 hours) Theology of Marriage & Sexuality

Class 1, Thurs., October 23 – *Truth & Meaning of Human Sexuality*

Evangelium Vitae
Vatican II Documents on "Truth & Meaning"
Connections Between Marriage & Celibacy
The Role of Conscience

Class 2, Thurs., October 30 – Theology of the Body

Exploring John Paul's Theology of the Body

Class 3, Thurs., November 6 – Sexuality & Marriage

Two "Ends" of Marriage: Historically/Currently
Catholic Catechism on Fecundity of Marriage
The Effects of Children on Marriage

Class 4, Thurs., November 13 – Wrap Up Session

Addressing Questions & Disputes on Marriage Issues



Marriage & Family Institute

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Institute of Pastoral Studies
UST School of Theology at St. Mary Seminary

Module 1: Foundations of Marriage & Family Life

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Sponsoring Parish: _____

Semester: Fall Year: 2008

Please check Continuing Education area & Course you are registering for:

- Continuing Education Unit/Audit
- Certificate in Marriage and Family Life
- College Credit towards MAPS – call Dr. Sandra Magie at 713-686-4345, ext. 242
- COURSE 1: (12 hours): Catholic Teaching on Marriage & Family Life – Aug. 28, Sept 4, 11, 18
- COURSE 2: (12 hours): Theology of Marriage & Family Life – Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16
- COURSE 3: (12 hours): Theology of Marriage & Sexuality – Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13

The cost for each course (1, 2 or 3) is \$50 for Continuing Education Unit, \$100 for Certificate, \$320 for College Credit.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Continuing Ed. & Certificate, please enclose payment with registration, making checks payable to:
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Mail to: St. Mary Seminary
Attn: Deacon Gerald DuPont
9845 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77024

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Gerald DuPont at 713-686-4345, ext. 268
or e-mail gerald@gwdupont.com