



A Marriage Preparation Program for Couples Planning Remarriage in the Catholic Church

2010 NOVA Schedule:

ERIE

Please select from the following:
SATURDAY - March 6
June 5
November 6
at

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish
695 Smithson Avenue
Lawrence Park (Erie), PA

8:45 am to 5 pm

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SATURDAY, September 25
at:

St. Catherine Parish Center
116 South State Street
DuBois, PA

8:45 am to 5 pm



NOVA has its roots in the Latin language and means "new star". A Nova is formed when a white star and its close companion star are drawn together and, through fusion, form one bright star made visible for all to see.



Family Life Office
(814) 824-1265

www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice.asp



NOVA Registration Form

BRIDE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Divorced Widowed Single

(Please answer next two questions only if applicable.)

Have you received a Declaration of Nullity? Yes No

Date of annulment: _____

GROOM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Divorced Widowed Single

(Please answer next two questions only if applicable.)

Have you received a Declaration of Nullity? Yes No

Date of annulment: _____

COUPLE

Desired date of NOVA program: _____ Anticipated wedding date: _____ Celebrant: _____

Send **completed** form and \$40 registration fee (payable to Family Life Office) to: Family Life Office, St Mark Catholic Center, PO Box 10397, Erie, PA 16514



What is NOVA?

Nova is a one-day premarital preparation experience designed for couples who are free to remarry in the Catholic Church. It is:

- * Offered under the direction of the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Erie, PA
- * Presented by an experienced team comprised of remarried couples, a credentialed attorney and Catholic clergy

Why NOVA?

The intimate partnership of marriage demands serious thought and preparation. Every couple entering remarriage comes with unique needs and circumstances. NOVA helps them to reflect on situations in their relationship which differ from those faced by couples marrying for the first time.

NOVA is designed to help engaged couples to...

- * **Realize** the richness of their vocation to marriage, and the necessity of developing a personal, sacramental and spiritual commitment to one another;
- * **Reach** beyond the beginnings of their premarital relationship, and toward a deeper understanding of covenantal love;
- * **Resolve** issues dealing with prior relationships, and learn about the importance of blending and becoming a new family; and
- * **Recognize** their dignity as sons and daughters of God.



Who should attend NOVA?

The individual or couple whose prior marriage has been completely resolved by death or by declaration of nullity (annulment) through the Church can attend NOVA.

What happens at NOVA?

NOVA provides couples a unique opportunity to address the relational, spiritual and sacramental aspects of marriage.

At the heart of NOVA are the stories told by the team about their own marital journey, exploring relevant issues of remarriage and blending families including:

- * Expectations
- * Self-awareness
- * Communication
- * Blending relationships
- * Legal issues in remarriage
- * Spirituality
- * Marriage as a Sacramental covenant



Couples receive ample time for private discussion and opportunity to ask questions of the team. A light continental breakfast and delicious lunch are provided along with useful print resources for everyone.

Couples are invited to attend Catholic Liturgy at the church hosting NOVA.



What is the fee for NOVA?

The fee for NOVA is \$40 per couple which covers the cost of meals and materials.

Pre-registration is necessary two weeks in advance. Payment in full is required prior to the day of the program.

To register, please complete and return the registration form included in this brochure.

Note: If you or your partner are awaiting a declaration of nullity (annulment), please contact your clergy representative to determine your eligibility to attend NOVA.



“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...In the end, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is Love”.

1 Corinthians:13, 7-8,13