

Journey into Marriage

"Pathway to a Practically Perfect Marriage"

Hi There!

Thank you so much for your interest in attending our Journey into Marriage seminar. We believe that our seminar manifests a genuine pathway for a "practically perfect" Marriage. The dates for upcoming weekends are: February 7-8, 2014, March 7-8, 2014 and April 11-12, 2014.

We received a "thank you note" from a couple who attended our most recent seminar and we would like to share with you what we received:

Dear Richard and Pat:

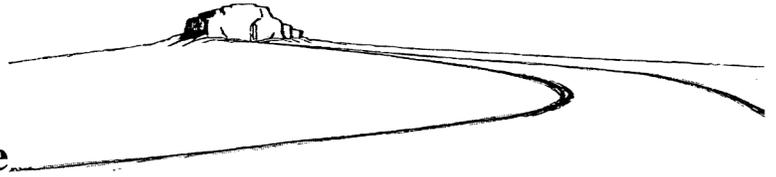
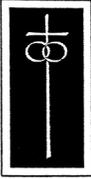
I am writing to thank you both for dedicating your weekend organizing the Journey into Marriage retreat. My finance and I thought it was life changing. We have been dating for 8 years and a few of those years we have dated while living in different states while I was attending law school and he was opening up restaurants. We have talked a lot about marriage and our relationship, but the weekend at the retreat showed us that there is so much we don't know about each other! It was really exciting! We commented to each other after the retreat that we want to be as "practically perfect" and in love after 56 years of marriage as you both are! We absolutely learned more about ourselves and what we want our marriage to be like that weekend than we have in a long time. Thank you for setting an incredible example of what a marriage should be like and for giving us the tools to succeed in our own marriage! Now that we have completed your retreat program, we can spend the next few months really delving into that binder before we get married. Thanks again for giving us an invaluable gift!

When we receive a note such as this one that we have shared with you we want to shout a huge "Thank you Lord" because this is what we would like every couple to experience that attends our Journey seminar. Pat and I believe in our heart that every couple has a "right" and an "opportunity" to live a "practically perfect" marriage as our good Lord intended.

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know the both of you for we sincerely want the very best for you and your life together. If you have any questions or have any problems making arrangements to attend, please give us a call. A good time is in the evenings around 7 o'clock at (512) 261-8124. Pat watches the Wheel of Fortune TV show every evening but its over by at 7 o'clock and she would love to talk with you and so would I. If there is anything at all we can do for you, do give us a call. Please complete the enclosed enrollment form and mail it to us. Thanks!

Yours in Christ

Richard & Pat Thompson



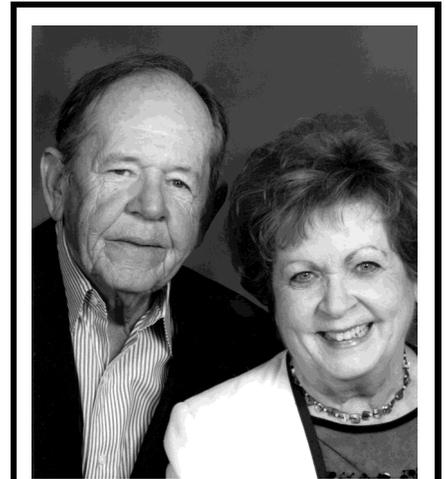
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- **Journey into Marriage is two sessions created to enhance the relational skills that assist engaged couples to build a life-giving union.** The "Journey" provides practical information and powerful *"relationship building"* tools which will provide each couple with an opportunity to begin their marriage with a solid and individualized *"road map"* to a *"practically perfect"* marriage.
- **Good marriages and even "great" marriages get off track.** But the key to success is to have a vision, a plan and a destination to which you can return when you do get off track. In "Journey into Marriage" you will develop a mission statement that becomes your unique destination.

- Session 1:**
- Introductory Information on Natural Family Planning
 - Theology of Marriage
 - Celebrating our Differences / Gifts

- Session 2:**
- Building Intimacy in our Marriage Relationship
 - Positive responses to challenges / issues
 - Understanding through Empathic Communication
 - Transition from "me" to "we" to "thee."



In our encountering life's events and our response to those events there is a space that we may choose a life-giving response which determines our growth and happiness. We believe this to be a core ingredient for a *"practically perfect marriage"*.

Pat and Richard Thompson have been involved in pre-marriage ministry for over 35 years. It is from this experience, their own marriage and independent research that they have developed this seminar entitled "Journey into Marriage."

Journey into Marriage addresses the Catholic Diocese of Austin's pre-marriage guidelines and may be included as an alternative program to meet the Church's guidelines for marriage preparation.

Additional Information / Enrollment Information

The Sessions begin Friday night (6pm—9pm) and Saturday (10am—4pm). Please call for location. (Saturday lunch on your own.)

UPCOMING DATES: Generally, sessions are held on the first or second Friday and Saturday of each month. For the next available date or with questions, or to enroll, contact Pat, (512) 970-7063, or Richard, (512) 261-8124, or email them at journey-intomarriage@austin.rr.com. You may also contact the Emmaus Parish Office, (512) 261-8500 or email teresa.crable@emmauslakeway.com. The cost for attending is \$150 per couple, which includes all materials. Your check should be made payable to Pat or Richard Thompson and included with your enrollment.

Please detach, complete and mail to: Pat or Richard Thompson, 116 Snapper, Lakeway, Texas 78734

Please enroll us in your next Journey into Marriage seminar beginning: _____

Location: Hosted by Emmaus Catholic Parish, 1718 Lohman's Crossing, Lakeway, Texas 78734

Bride's Name: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Church Where You Will Be Married: _____

Name of Priest/Pastor/Deacon: _____