

PUBLICITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Command Religious Program

To: NPS Webmaster

Subj: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

1. The Command Religious Program is sponsoring one-day **Marriage Enrichment Seminars** (MES) for married couples associated with NPS (students, faculty, and staff). The first seminar will be on Saturday, **18 April 2009**, from 0800 to 1600, and will take place at The Church of the Wayfarer in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, for the first 12 couples who register. A second and third MES is scheduled for Saturday, **1 August** and **14 November 2009**, at the same location in Carmel and will have the same focus as the first one (by virtue of being in a larger room, these seminars are open for the first 20 couples who register).
2. Purpose. The MES is designed for enrichment—to make okay marriages good, and good marriage better. However, even troubled marriages can benefit from the content of the seminar. The focus of the seminar will be in the following three areas: 1) the spiritual nature of a marriage; 2) a better understanding of the personality preferences of one's spouse using Please Understand Me by David Keirse and Marilyn Bates; and 3) a discussion of The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman. The books will be provided and can be picked well in advance of the MES from Chaplain Statler (Rm. 140, Dudley Knox Library).
3. Lunch. There is no cost for the event itself, and couples will have the opportunity to have a “date lunch” on their own in the many cafés and restaurants in Carmel that are within walking distance of the church.
4. Childcare. Childcare will not be provided. However, multiple scheduling of the MES allows couples who wish to attend the 18 April MES to make childcare arrangements with another couple, and then return the favor so the second couple can then attend the 1 August or 14 November MES.
5. Registration. Call the NPS Chaplain's Office at 656-2241 to register. A waiting list will also be generated in the event of cancellations (please give two week's notice so that other couples can be contacted). Questions about the MES can be directed to Chaplain Tom Statler at 656-3519.

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