

AN AFTERNOON FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE

When a couple are hoping for the gift of a child, difficulties in conceiving can be a source of anxiety and confusion. The *Life, Marriage & Family Centre* of the *Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney* is offering an afternoon on **Saturday 24 March 2012** for married couples (Catholic or otherwise), who are trying to have children, or who desire to learn more about the various options available to assist fertility, which are in harmony with the dignity of married love.

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The Catholic Centre

3 Keating Street, Lidcombe

2:00pm - 5:00pm

The Centre is located behind St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe.

Parking is available in the grounds and Lidcombe train station is a short walk.

Enquiries and Registration (entry is free) can be directed to lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9390 5290.



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2:00pm ~ The Gift of Children ~ Bishop Peter Comensoli ~ Bishop Comensoli was ordained as an auxiliary bishop for Sydney in 2011. Prior to becoming a bishop he spent much time in parishes but also a number of years studying overseas. He holds degrees in moral theology, moral philosophy and theological ethics. Bishop Comensoli will share the Church's vision of fertility and parenthood and the ethical difference between various methods of fertility treatment.

2:30pm ~ Know Thyself ~ Natural Fertility Services ~ The most valuable tool for a couple is knowing their own fertility; it is the key to planning their family and welcoming children but also to loving one another more deeply. It is an accurate science and not mere guess work. This presentation will share the basic principles and benefits of natural fertility awareness.

2:50pm ~ New Perspectives on Reproductive Health ~ FertilityCare ~ Dr Veronica O'Connell will speak about 'Napro-Technology'; an emerging medical science that works cooperatively with the body's natural procreative cycles, offering ethical, well researched solutions for couples experiencing fertility difficulties and miscarriages.

3:10pm ~ Testimonies ~ Two couples will talk about their different journeys. The couples will share their experiences of married love and the struggles and joys they have been through in living out their vocation and trying to begin their own family.

3:30pm ~ Questions and Discussion

4:00pm ~ Order of Blessing of Couples Imploring the Gift of Children ~ Bishop Comensoli will offer to all couples present the Church's official rite of blessing, asking the Lord to bless them with the gift of children.

4:30pm ~ Afternoon tea and an opportunity to meet other couples.



(Please Note: Due to the sensitive nature of this event, we request that children do not attend)