

Can outcome of marriage be predicted?



'LOVE IS A COMPLETE GIVING'

City marriage course attracts young people

Believing that "happily ever after" depends on themselves, 117 young people planning marriage enrolled as students in the annual marriage course now being conducted at St. Dunstan's Basilica in Charlottetown. A similar course is underway in Summerside.

These prospective brides and grooms are not taking it for granted that "everything will work out all right," they are acting on the belief that every career requires adequate preparation beforehand and marriage is no exception.

Entitled "This Is A Great Adventure," the course emphasizes at the beginning that too many complex spend time, money and energy in preparing solely for the wedding day, forgetting that this day is but the introduction to a lifetime of companionship.

The course is divided into 15 lessons, discussing such topics as the present situation with regard to marriage, the ideal husband and the ideal wife, love and happiness in marriage, courtship and engagement, masculine and feminine psychology, economic preparation, and the spirituality of marriage. The last eight lessons cover church laws concerning marriage, civil laws concerning marriage, civil law concerning marriage, the marriage ceremony, masculine and feminine anatomy and physiology, relations between husband and wife, hygiene, what is allowed and what is forbidden in marriage, and the first months of marriage.

Published by the Catholic Centre in Ottawa, this course had its beginning in 1939 with members of the Young Catholic Workers movement. It now functions in 27 countries in the world in eight different languages.

Rev. Preston Hammill, in charge of the course at the Basilica, indicated there is much enthusiasm on the part of the students, and that none have discontinued the course. He has adapted the course to be given to some 60 girls in Grade 12 of Notre Dame Academy," he said.

Can you tell in advance how a marriage will work out? It's possible. It's also probable that even knowing that all the elements of failure are present, a couple will still go ahead, their faith unshaken in the saying that love conquers all.

But marriage counselors feel that facing possible differences before the wedding gives a couple a better chance of avoiding later conflict. In fact, some counselors work with a marriage prediction chart for prospective partners. These are interpreted on the principle that the more a couple has in common, the more likely are their chances of a happy marriage.

There is another school of thought that a man and woman with wide variations in background, interests and abilities still can make a go of marriage if one provides what the other lacks.

In either case, it is knowing what to expect and willingness to solve the problem — if necessary by seeking professional help — that spells the difference between a good and bad relationship.

Keeping this in mind, here are some questions to ask yourself about choosing a prospective partner, and on being a good one yourself:

1. Why do you want to marry? Just to get married? To get away from home? Or do you feel a need to share love and companionship and to have a home and family?

2. Why do you want to marry yourself. The same can be done with a platter of canned and fresh fruits.

The baked potato lover will welcome a bowl of sour cream mixed with chive cheese and a bowl of grated Parmesan cheese for his selection.

A relish tray doesn't have to limit its appearance to party time. Olives, pickles, watermelon rind — whatever is available in the refrigerator — look more appealing when they're arranged on one of the wedding present trays.

Make your own sundaes are popular, too. Vanilla ice cream can be the base, glorified by ridge, strawberry, or pineapple sauce. Non-weight watchers can help themselves to whipped cream and a decorative cherry. Make your own banana splits operate on the same principle, and add brightness after a simple main course.

3. Are you old enough emotionally to marry? Are you capable of mature love and its sacrifices?

4. Is your prospective partner ready to accept the responsibilities of marriage?

5. Are either of you very dependent on your families?

6. Do both families approve of the marriage? If not, have you worked out a method of dealing with in-law frictions?

7. If your religious beliefs are different, have you talked them over and reached a mutual understanding of the other's viewpoint?

8. Have you agreed on the religious training of children?

9. What is your own attitude toward men? Do you feel a need to assert your superiority? Or are you genuinely helpless?

10. Are either of you so exceptionally close to your own mother or father as to create a strain between you?

11. Have you worked out in

detail how you'll manage money? Who will be in charge of the check book?

12. Do you know the costs that will face you, not just for food and shelter but for entertainment, transportation and personal care?

13. Do you have enough money in the bank or can you save it soon, for emergencies?

14. Is your joint income enough to live on without outside support?

15. Is either of you giving up school for marriage?

16. Is there a firm agreement on how long you'll work?

17. Are you willing to accept drastic changes if his job requires it?

18. Can you accept his criticism without resentment?

19. Does he consider your suggestions with respect?

20. If there is any aspect of

your relationship that causes you uneasiness, can you talk it over together?

There's no score for right answers to these questions. They are meant to give you something to think about before you head into the tough job of marriage.

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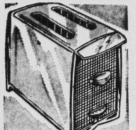


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Ultra-stylish hair fashion is not advised

"What in the world will I do with my hair?" is the piteous cry often raised by the mothers of the wedding party. They want to look their best as they walk down the aisle. Should the "best" be a remake hair style?

According to a hair coloring expert, many mothers at this point become carried away. "Don't do it! It's advised."

"Your children want you to be pretty and proud, not ultra-stylish. They prefer you to look like your own sweet self."

Here are her suggestions for accomplishing this aim: The best as fashionable as next season's couture:

1. If your hair is predominantly gray or white, examine it for infatuating yellow streaks; artificial overtones of blue or violet. Remove yellow and emphasize your hair's dramatic silver of white highlights with a silver white temporary color hair rinse. Steel gray can metal or smoke gray rinses will cancel out bluish tones and deepen a beautiful soft gray color. These temporary color hair rinses take seconds to use, wash away with ordinary shampoo, and can easily be applied at home.

2. Blend out gray in blonde red and light brown hair with an amber brown rinse. A warm or gray brown temporary color hair rinse will blend the gray in darker shades of brown and red.

3. Give your favorite hair style a "new" look by combing hair up and away from the face wherever possible. The upward line is especially important around chin and neck. A set forehead wave can sweep up and back to add delight to facial contours. This season hair should be no longer than its natural length at the top of the neck.

4. Small pearl "doll" hats just couldn't be more flattering to the mature woman. If you are short, don't let floppy brims and deep crowns engulf you. Older women should consider the "hat" — a first and let their cheeks complement it.



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