

Infertility Workshop

“Behold, children are a gift from the Lord” Ps 127:3, and undoubtedly, most couples would agree. Couples who face the challenge of infertility are profoundly aware of this gift of children through its absence from their lives. This workshop is for couples who already have some sort of infertility diagnosis and those who are beginning to question why it is taking so long to conceive. During the workshop we will provide clear overviews of infertility procedures that the Church opposes with reasoning and procedures that the Church supports. This workshop will also provide tools to bearing the Cross of Infertility and how to nurture yourself and your marriage.

Speakers

Carmen Santamaria

Co-author of “The Infertility Companion for Catholics”. Carmen has been married since 2001. The journey through a multitude of tests and diagnosis has challenged and strengthened her marriage. Their desire

to follow God’s will has given purpose to their difficulties and helped them to take comfort in their faith.

www.catholicinfertilityjourney.com

Cory Andrew Labrecque

Raymond is a scholar in Bioethics and Religious Thought. Cory’s research lies at the intersection of religion, medicine, biotechnology, environment, and ethics.

Dr. Kathleen Raviele

Dr. Raviele is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist in the private practice of gynecology in the Atlanta area. She promotes and teaches natural family planning in her practice. She has helped many couples who struggle with infertility.

Father Micheal Silloway

Father Silloway is a Catholic Priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He has served at Cathedral of Christ the King and is currently Chaplain at St. Pius X High School.



Details

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Saturday

February 16th, 2013

We hope that this workshop will offer love, support, and compassion to couples on the infertility journey and provide knowledge as they evaluate their options. This workshop is for couples who have been on the infertility journey for a while, experiencing secondary infertility or couples who are just getting started on building their families.

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM - Check In
- 9:00 AM - Mass
- 9:30 AM - Hospitality
- 9:45 AM - Welcome
- 10:00 AM - Why Lord is this happening?
- 10:40 AM - What treatment options are available for Catholics.
- 11:30 AM - Lunch with Panel Discussion
- 12:30 PM - “Because the Lord Had Closed Her Womb”: Barrenness, Child-Bearing, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies in the Roman Catholic Tradition.
- 1:30 PM - Emotional effects of Infertility and effects on your marriage.
- 2:15 PM - Bearing the Cross of Infertility.
- 3:00 PM - Closing / Blessing

Join us on Saturday, February 16th, 2013 at St. Brigid Catholic Church, 3400 Old Alabama Rd Johns Creek 30022 starting at 9:00 AM with Mass ending at 3:00 PM.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop at:
www.embracefamilies.com/events.

Cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a sack lunch.

