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Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS[®]

Cardinal Timothy Dolan:

Thank God I don't have to run the FOCCUS program, which I will tell you, as a parish priest, I highly appreciate. We all do.

It's a great tool for preparing our young couples for marriage.

I remember my first pastor saying, *"It's easier to get a marriage license than it is to get a driver's license."* We in the Church need to take marriage preparation more seriously.

When I was a parish priest—the happiest days of my life—couples would always ask, *"Do we have to take that test?"* They always called it a test.

And I'd say, *"Well, it's really not a test."*

Then they'd take it, come back, and you'd almost always hear them begin with, *"I bet I know what you said on that."*

That's exactly what happens.

When you get the results back, the conversations are extraordinarily fruitful. They're very powerful. Couples want to stay longer. They want to keep talking about it.

It is very good. It is very good.

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