**RE:** Registration as a Provider of Premarital Preparation Course

Dear Clergy of Hernando County:

As many of you may be aware, Florida Statutes governing the issuance of marriage licenses by the Clerk of Court changed in 1999 to allow a \$25.00 reduction of fees with the completion of a **pre-marital course** by the applicants. In order to qualify for the reduction, the couple must provide a Certificate of Completion from a *registered course provider*. Many members of the clergy provide a letter of completion, however, by law our office cannot reduce the fee if the *course provider* is not registered <u>and</u> the proper information regarding the *course curriculum* is not furnished to our office.

If you are not currently registered and would like to assist your parishioners in reducing the cost of their marriage license, please review and complete the accompanying affidavit. Upon completion of the form(s), please return them to the following address: Clerk of Circuit Court, Attention: Official Records Supervisor, 20 N. Main St., Room 161, Brooksville FL 34601. A standard Certificate of Completion form, as well as a copy of the statute governing the issuance of marriage licenses, is included. Please note that a separate form must be completed by each provider/instructor for your establishment.

Should you already be registered or know another member of the clergy who may not have received this packet, please feel free to copy or share this information with others. If you desire additional information, please feel free to contact me at (352) 540-6768.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**Eric Liberty** 

Official Records Supervisor