

Teaching Couple Application Form

Date of Application: _____

Target date to start teaching: _____

Office Use Only:

Teaching Couple Number _____

Certificate Date _____

This form constitutes a couple's request to be considered for acceptance into the CCL Teacher Training Program. Acceptance is also contingent on having taken a full course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP (or current enrollment in a CCL Class or CCL Homestudy course), current CCL membership, internet access, and an email account.

Before filling form be sure you have read "What We Are Looking for in a Candidate Teaching Couple..." and "Eligibility Criteria for CCL Teacher Training Program", located at: <http://ccli.org/learn/teach/index.php>

I have read and agree with the content on the above mentioned web page.

Your complete name and mailing address

Title (Mr & Mrs, etc.) _____

Names _____
First Name (husband) First Name (wife) Last Name

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Country _____ Diocese _____

E-mail (one address only) _____

Personal Data

Husband

Wife

Date of Birth _____

Religion _____

Occupation _____

Education _____

U.S. Military - Husband If so, indicate: Active Reserve National Guard

Branch _____ Rank _____

U.S. Military - Wife If so, indicate: Active Reserve National Guard

Branch _____ Rank _____

Indicate if you speak Spanish: Husband Wife

If so, we will train in: English Spanish

We will teach in: English Spanish

Date of Marriage _____

6. Do you feel you can devote at least one night a month to NFP-related activities (i.e., teaching, consulting, chapter meetings, etc.)? Yes No

7. Are you currently a member of The Couple to Couple League? (If you are receiving the *Family Foundations* magazine, then you are.) Yes No

8. What has been your experience with family planning of any or all types?

9. If either of you have been sterilized, please elaborate:

10. If you are a former user of an unnatural method of birth control, what is your attitude now toward such practices?

11. What are your own personal reasons for choosing natural family planning?

12. What effect has the NFP choice had on you as individuals and/or on your marriage?

13. CCL recommends and teaches about breastfeeding during the course and expects teachers to have relevant experience. As such, a teacher who is a mother will normally breastfeed her baby during the first six months of life by providing 100% nourishment from her breasts, day and night, according to the demands of her baby. Once the baby begins solids, the mother normally continues to let the baby nurse on demand until baby-led weaning occurs.

a. If you have another baby, will you try to care for your child in this way? Yes No

b. Teachers shall understand the importance of their presence and availability to their children, especially when the children are at the crucial ages below three years. If you have another baby, will one of you be available to the child for the first three years? Yes No

If not, please explain.

Principles of the Couple to Couple League

The Creator of the universe and the Lord of Life has created marriage for love and life.

1. The Catholic Church provides the basis for our understanding of Christian marriage.
 - a. We are each created in the image and likeness of God to love as such, and are called to act as God acts.
 - b. The marital act is a gift of one spouse to the other for the sake for the other; as such it builds up marital love and marriages.
 - c. The love-life bond of a sacramental marriage allows couple to love children into existence.
 - d. Children are to be accepted as a gift from God—whether asked for or not—and are to be loved for their own sake.
 - i. Married couples are called to be generous in the service of life.
 - ii. Married couples are not required to have as many children as may be physically possible.
 - e. Certain acts are inherently contrary to marriage and the plan of the Creator. These include:
 - i. The use of drugs and devices that abort a newly conceived life, which is an attack against the mother, father, and the new life.
 - ii. Any action which damages or frustrates the normal function of a healthy, reproductive or other functioning part of the body. Such actions are contrary to the dignity of the human person and include, but are not limited to, abortion, sterilization, or contraceptive behavior, e.g. using anti-conception or anti-implantation drugs, chemicals and devices or behaviors such as withdrawal, masturbation, or sodomy.
 - iii. Adultery, fornication, pornography and homosexual acts, which are contrary to the dignity of the human person.
2. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the understanding of the fertility of the male and female.
 - a. When Christian prudence leads a couple to conclude that they should postpone a pregnancy, they should abstain from marital relations during the fertile times.
 - b. Anyone can learn NFP.
 - c. NFP allows well-instructed couples, with proper use, to achieve the same effectiveness of spacing babies as artificial birth control.
 - d. Responsible parenthood is the virtuous application of NFP within this marriage. The right of the couple to exercise responsible parenthood within their marriage must be respected.
3. Marital relations can become habit forming; couples need to turn to prayer and sacrifice in placing the sexual drive at the service of authentic married love.
4. Teachers shall respect the appropriate autonomy of learning couples to determine the size of their own families based on their own physical, economic, psychological and social conditions,
5. Exclusive and continued breastfeeding is an art that is normally best for baby's care and development. Normally, mothers will breastfeed until baby-led weaning occurs.
6. Whenever teachers engage in any form of chastity education or marriage preparation, they must respect the teachings of the Catholic Church and use age-appropriate language.
7. Involvement in our apostolate should always respect the priorities within the family.
 - iv. Technological reproduction, which is contrary to the dignity of the human person and the family.

Agreement on Principles

We have read and agree to the "Principles of the Couple to Couple League". We state that we have not been sterilized for contraceptive purposes and are not practicing any unnatural form of birth control. We agree that only the natural methods of birth regulation are humanly appropriate and morally acceptable for married couples, and therefore we agree that we will not offer any consulting that could be interpreted as a recommendation for a couple to attempt to solve birth control problems through abortion, contraceptive behaviors, or sterilization. We further agree that if our personal practice or principles should accept any form of abortion, contraceptive behaviors or sterilization at some time in the future, we will notify CCL Central and withdraw from leadership in The Couple to Couple League.

Organizational Agreement

It is our intention to become affiliated with CCL as a volunteer Teaching Couple upon completion of the certification process, and we agree to teach and operate in accordance with the guidelines of the CCL organization.

We understand that the training courses and materials, the teaching materials, and all other educational materials remain the property of the Couple to Couple League, and we will not copy, give, or lend such materials to others, and we will not share our login to either the training site or the Volunteer Connections area of the CCL website with anyone.

Within the Couple to Couple League we will teach the full Sympto-Thermal Method of natural family planning, the benefits of breastfeeding, and the values and principles involved in the decision to use only the natural methods of birth regulation. We intend to offer at least two complete series a year and accomplish annual continuing education requirements to retain active status. We will keep updated by reading the *E-News*, *Family Foundations* magazine, and other materials requested by CCL Central.

We agree to abide by the policies and regulations of CCL as established by the Board of Directors and CCL Central.

Medical Professionals Statement

If I am a health care professional (e.g. nurse, pharmacist, doctors of medicine, osteopathy or chiropractic) —

"I will not prescribe or assist in abortions, sterilizations, in-vitro fertilizations, cloning practices, or the distribution of drugs or devices used in birth control. I will also not refer anyone to another physician for any of these services."

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Note: If submitting electronically, entering your names in the signature fields constitutes an electronic signature and binds you to all of the stipulations of this agreement.

Husband's signature _____ Date _____

Wife's signature _____ Date _____

Please attach a recent photograph of yourselves in your email to us. It need not be a good one, but we like to have a visual image of the people we are training. Thank you, and may God bless all of your efforts to provide this important service in your community, wherever you live. **After submitting your application via email you should receive a return email within 48 hours that your application form is being processed. If you do not receive this email, please contact CCL at 1-800-745-8252.**

**Please return to if not emailed:
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