



Newman Sweethearts 2023

Eric & Laura teDuits Married– 1990

Where did you meet?

Eric and I met at the Newman Center back in February of 1989. We were introduced by a mutual friend, Susan Archer, at a Wednesday night prayer service. Susan and I worked together, and she was trying to convince me to sign up for a community building retreat that she would be co-leading at the Newman Center that March. She invited me to the prayer service to meet some of her Newman Center friends, Eric being one of them. I did end up participating in the retreat where it turned out that Eric was co-leading as well. The retreat really provided an environment for Eric and I to get to know each other quickly and we were pretty much inseparable after that. By October we were engaged, and we were married by father Ed that next June, 1990.



Do you have any favorite memories from the Newman Center?

We spent a lot of time at the Newman Center, which was pretty new at the time. We studied there quite a bit, did additional retreats, and volunteered with marriage prep/pre-cana. Some of our best memories were attending Wednesday night prayer services with many of our friends and going out afterwards.

What advice do you have for young couples just starting out?

Our advice for couples is to actively work on building faith practices together, keep God at the center of your lives, and surround yourselves with people who support your faith journey.



What do you do together to keep your faith and God a priority in your marriage?

We have continued to stay involved with our church over the years as our children grew up and attended Catholic schools. We attend mass regularly and volunteer at our parish. We also try to find something to enrich our faith together every year. We have listened to Bible In a Year, prayed the rosary, been involved in small Christian communities, attended Bible studies, attended topical presentations at church. We are currently working through the Catechism in a Year, and we are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. Bible study every week!

Engagement photo– 1989