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Was the decision to revise the course inspired in any way by the referendum outcome? What discussion has there been about the revision so far? Concretely, what sort of changes can young couples expect? Mgr Gouder said that the courses will require more input, mostly by young couples, what sort of input are we talking about? What is the desired outcome of these more profound courses? Are the changes going to be introduced gradually?

The Cana marriage preparation course is revised periodically. In fact an ad hoc team has been revising the programme for the past three years and this revision is close to completion. This was discussed in meetings with Leader Couples as well as by the Council of the Cana Movement.

With regards to the more radical revision mentioned by Mgr Gouder, he presented the general principles in a joint meeting where the Cana Council, the Leader Couples and the Commission for the revision of the course were present. Further consultations and detailed analysis are required and therefore it is still early to specify the type of input required. The desired outcome of this revision is that couples preparing for marriage enter into a catechetical formation programme which helps them to appreciate better their christian life and the sacrament of marriage.

Added to this, Cana is also embarking on a new training programme for leading couples/facilitators. This training includes four main seminars based on Christian anthropology, psychological intimacy of the married couple, marital spirituality and sexual intimacy in marriage.