

Things to do *Before* you say *“I do”*

To ensure your preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony is as meaningful as it can be, the Office of Life, Marriage & Family has prepared the following checklist. We hope it is helpful... God's Blessings on your engagement.



- Pray and enjoy quiet times together as a couple. Give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of your relationship and for all that He gives you.
- Make an appointment with your parish priest or deacon and set a tentative wedding date. Learn about parish and diocesan policies for Marriage, music, appropriate dress in the Church,
- Acquire a current certified copy of your baptismal certificate from the parish where you were baptized to provide the priest
- Meet with your priest or deacon to complete the pre-nuptial questionnaire and review with him parish and diocesan policies.
- Take a pre-marital inventory.
- Meet with your priest, deacon or sponsor couple to discuss your pre-marital inventory and address any concerns.
- Attend a Marriage Preparation Course or Conference (details available on the website listed below).
- Learn the facts about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and attend a class to learn how to use it. (Details available on the website).
- Discuss details for your liturgy: readings, petitions, music, special cultural traditions with the priest or deacon who will preside.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)



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