

# Radical Sanation Guidelines

**All couples that request a Radical Sanation need the following:**

1. Completed application form for Radical Sanation
2. Completed Prenuptial Questionnaire, forms V and VI. (Must be completed by the Priest Or Deacon and they must witness the signatures of the bride and groom.)
3. Baptismal Certificate for Catholic parties (MUST be newly issued within the last 6 months.)
4. Proof of Baptism for the non-Catholic party – (either certificate, statement from the church of baptism, copy of the section in the register’s book or a written, signed and dated statement from someone who witnessed the baptism.)
5. Affidavit of free status for both parties. (Requires two different witnesses for the bride and the groom as well as the priest or deacon signature, parish seal and date.
6. Certified Marriage License. If the couple has an original marriage license, please make a copy of it, write on it: “copied from the original” then sign, date, use church seal on it.
7. Copy of annulment Decree if applicable.
8. Dispensation is needed when one of the parties is non-baptized or baptized but non Catholic.
9. If there may be children and one of the parties is not Catholic, then the Catholic party must sign the promises section on the back of the dispensation form. The signature must be witnessed and signed by the priest or deacon.
10. If they may have children, or are a young couple, the NFP session is required.
11. They MUST have some preparation to receive the Radical Sanation, especially in the areas of the sacramentality of their union, they may choose either one (or substitute by an established program in the parish or the USCCB):
  - a) Sponsor couple sessions (no less than 3)
  - b) Focus Inventory
  - c) Engaged Encounter Weekend
12. They shall **renew** their vows in any Mass (after attending confession, and before the minister and at least some members of the community). It can be either during weekday or weekend Mass after the homily, for them to live and experience the sacramentality of their marriage. (If a more discreet ceremony is needed – for pastoral reasons – can be done with at least two witnesses inside the church building at a proper time.)
13. During document preparation, set a date for renewal of vows. The document of Radical Sanation will have the same date. Allow 3 weeks at the Tribunal for processing.
14. The documents for Radical Sanation should be sent to the Tribunal with \$25.00 for processing fee.

By mandate of the Bishop on July 14, 2017.