



Dear Friends,

The preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony is a thorough process because matrimony itself is a lifetime commitment, where the bride and the groom exchange their wedding vows freely and honestly.

The preparation begins by completing a form, which serves as a checklist for items needed, as well as asking some very serious questions regarding the couple's intentions and understanding of the sacrament.

Therefore, the following is the process, in brief:

- Complete Form V and schedule an interview with me (submit/verify Form V)
- Present certificate of Baptism (with notations) for each person, otherwise
 - Present certificates of Communion and Confirmation (if no Baptism certificate w/notations)
- Complete and present Affidavit Form(s) (two for groom and bride, each)
- Complete FOCCUS/REFOCCUS Couple Inventory (whichever applies)
- Successfully complete the Natural Family Planning Certification course
- Attend one Marriage Preparation Retreat
- Present the State Marriage License (at least seven workdays before wedding day)
- Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the wedding day

Of course, the list is not exhaustive. This means that if there are issues to be discussed/addressed they will be done in the order they were made present or as needed. This is the reason we require the couples to 'register' at least six-months in advance before their potential wedding date. Note that you must have received the sacraments of initiation (baptism, communion, and confirmation) in order to proceed to the registration.

For now, complete the pertinent sections of Form V, and visit the website for the Marriage Preparation Retreat Schedule. Complete the former and bring it to the office, and make arrangements to attend the MP Retreat and NFP certification course, as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way of reaching me is by email; otherwise, just call the office.

Gratefully, yours in Christ,

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Helpful links:

Marriage Preparation Retreat Registrations (whichever applies to you):

<https://www.cdob.org/flo-marriage-pre/>

<http://www.cdob.org/flo-catholic-eng/>

<http://www.cdob.org/flo-for-better/>

<http://www.cdob.org/flo-new-life/>

<http://www.cdob.org/flo-convalidation/>

Natural Family Planning Online Certification Course:

[Billings Ovulation Method – Learn NFP Online](#)

On Dating:

<https://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/311?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskinn.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fflight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true>

On Marriage:

<https://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/333?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskinn.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fflight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true>

On Cohabitation:

<https://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/308?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskinn.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fflight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true>

On Catholic Sexual Ethics:

<https://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/314?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskinn.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fflight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true>

Videos:

<http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/>

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