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PREPARATION & FORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- ***Date & Time of the Sacrament of Marriage are tentative until final approval of pastor.***
- ***Date & Time need to be registered with the Parish Office, couple's responsibility.***
- ***If a visiting priest officiates, the letter of delegation must be filed in the Parish Office prior to the pastor's approval of date and time.***

Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____ Central Time

Rehearsal Dinner Location _____ Time _____ Central Time

Reception Location _____ Time _____ Central Time

Date _____ Time _____ Central Time

Church _____

Officiant _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Prepared by each candidate and submitted one week prior to couple's second meeting.

Please prepare an introduction narrative of yourself (minimum of 1 paragraph per question), including:

1. Information about your family including parents (living or deceased, married or divorced), grandparents, brothers/sisters, your birth order, and your place in the family –
2. Your current work and/or school status and education history –
3. How you met, how long you dated, and describe your courtship –
4. When and how you became engaged, how long you have been engaged –
5. Why you are seeking to enter the Sacrament of Marriage at this time –
6. How your parents reacted to the news of your engagement –
7. How your friends reacted to the news of your engagement –
8. How serious you are about living out your faith and raising your children in the Catholic Faith –
9. Your beliefs about sex before marriage (outside of the Marriage Covenant) –
10. If you are living together, how you came to that decision –
11. Any time constraints or family dynamics the priest preparing you for the Sacrament of Marriage should be aware of –
12. What you need to discover for yourself or share with your future spouse in preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage –
13. What goals you have for your relationship 5 years from now –

MEETING RECORD: Meeting #1 _____ Meeting #2 _____ Meeting #3 _____ Meeting #4 _____
 Meeting #5 _____ Meeting #6 _____ Meeting #7 _____ Meeting #8 _____

(over)

Groom's Name _____
First Middle Confirmation Last

Domicile _____

Bride's Name _____
First Middle Confirmation Last

Domicile _____

Best Man (Legal Witness)

Maid/Matron of Honor (Legal Witness)

PARISH FORMATION PROGRAM

- Welcome | Why a church wedding? | 3 Fs for a balanced vocation | A gift, preparing you for a Lifetime, not a Day!
- Formation requires personal responsibility | visibly living out your faith | sharing your resources with your parish
- View Sacraments 101: Matrimony (why make it Catholic) | Sacraments 201: Matrimony (more questions answered)
- Overview of Parish Formation Program **(this form)** Meeting #1
- Overview of on-line parish resources Meeting #1 sbccatholic.church/marriage smccatholic.church/marriage
- Receive Archdiocesan *Preparation for Marriage* Form Meeting #1; return copy prior to Meeting #2
- Application for Matrimonial Dispensation Meeting #1
 - Application Matrimonial Permission or Sanation*
 - Declaration & Promise by the Catholic Party*
- Enroll in on-line PREPARE/ENRICH Relationship Assessment Meeting #1; Completed for Meeting #2
 - Groom's e-mail _____
 - Bride's e-mail _____
- Referral for financial planning Meeting #1; Completed for Meeting #3
- Referral for premarital counseling with priest or sponsor couple
- Referral for premarital counseling with licensed marriage & family therapist
- Together for Life: Celebrating & Living the Sacrament* Meeting #1; Completed for Meeting #3

- View & Discuss Session 1: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #2 – no less than 6 months before date
- Return Archdiocesan Preparation for Marriage Form Meeting #2 – no less than 6 months before date
- Register for Catholic Engaged Encounter (EE) Minimum 6 months before marriage

- Review WB Session 2: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #3 – no less than 6 months before date
- Review online PREPARE/ENRICH Relationship Assessment Meeting #3 – no less than 6 months before date
- View & Discuss Session 3: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #3 – no less than 6 months before date
- Present Financial Planning Certificate for marriage record Meeting #3 – no less than 4 months before date
- Present EE Certificate for marriage record Meeting #3 – no less than 4 months before date
- Review *Together for Life* Selection Form Meeting #3 – no less than 4 months before date

- Review WB Session 4: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #4 – no less than 3 months before date
- View & Discuss Session 5: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #4 – no less than 3 months before date
- Review *The Rite of Marriage* with priest or deacon Meeting #4 – no less than 3 months before date

- View & Discuss Session 6: *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* Meeting #5 – no less than 2 months before date
- Final meeting with pastor to review draft of Program Meeting #5 – no less than 2 months before date

- Final Copy of Wedding Program **ONE MONTH BEFORE DATE** Presented to Priest, Sacristan, Organist, & Cantor
- Stipends & Fees Paid at Parish Office Prior to Rehearsal
 - Church Usage Fee for Registered Parishioners \$400
 - Church Usage Fee for Non-Parishioners \$1000

Check payable to Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church or St. Meinrad Catholic Church

- Wedding Programs brought to rehearsal At Rehearsal
- Marriage License secured and presented to officiant at rehearsal At Rehearsal
- Secure a copy of Marriage License for Parish Marriage Record At Rehearsal

- PARISH OFFICE**
- Officiant presents couple with crucifix & *Catechism for Adults* At Rehearsal
- Marriage notification sent to parish of baptism Post Wedding
- Recorded in parish baptismal record Post Wedding
- Recorded in parish marriage record Post Wedding

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