

HOW TO BEGIN

Make an appointment with the priest or deacon in your parish at least 6 months before the desired date of your wedding. Register for marriage formation.

CHURCH REQUIREMENTS

The engaged couple must have known each other at least 6 months. Both must be 18 years old by date of marriage.

Participation in marriage formation, along with FOCCUS is required.

Baptismal certificates newly issued within 6 months prior to the marriage date are required from your church of baptism.

Completion of the pre-nuptial forms which includes pre-marital affidavits to be done for each of you by a witness (preferably family) who has known you since adolescence.

CIVIL REQUIREMENTS

Appear together at the County Clerk's Office with copy of driver's license or birth certificate for each individual and the marriage license fee.

There is a 72-hour waiting period after obtaining the marriage license before the ceremony can occur. There is no residency requirement for county or state. The license is valid for 90 days.

Like the whole Church, every Christian family rests on a firm foundation, namely, Christ's promise to be faithful to those he has chosen. When a man and a woman pledge themselves to each other in the sacrament of matrimony, they join in Christ's promise and become a living sign of his union with the Church. (cf. Eph 5:32)



Therefore, a committed, permanent, faithful relationship of husband and wife is the root of a family. It strengthens all the members, provides best for the needs of children, and causes the Church of the Home to be an effective sign of Christ in the world.

Follow the Way of Love, A pastoral message of the U.S. Catholic Bishops to families.



For additional information, please call Sharon Gross, Family Ministry Associate, 972-252-5521 x109 or 972-370-5049.

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Are you planning to marry in the Catholic Church?



Join us as we explore
God's Plan for Love and
Life Skills for Couples.

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WELCOME to JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Holy Family Catholic Community welcomes you to our parish for marriage formation. This pre-marriage formation is the first step of on-going formation for married life... a process that supports, strengthens, and protects your marriage as the foundation of your Christian family. *A Joy-Filled Marriage* focuses on skills for married life and on faith and spiritual formation as essential ingredients for the journey. Our prayers are with you!

FORMATION FOR MARRIAGE INVOLVES:

...time for couples to explore themselves and their relationship. This time includes FOCCUS, which can help you explore, understand, and communicate more openly about many important topics in your relationship. It is designed to help couples target areas essential to discuss before marriage. This is also a time for catechesis about the beliefs of Catholic faith.

...time to gain an understanding of sacramental married life through Scripture and Tradition and to build skills for married life by using the best tools of contemporary behavioral science.

...time for spiritually preparing for married life. A time to celebrate your love and preparation for the sacrament of marriage in prayer with the parish community;to prepare and prayerfully reflect on the marriage liturgy.

...time for discovering more deeply how the mysteries of our faith and sacraments nurture the life of your marriage. A time to enhance the skills and faith formation gained during marriage preparation. It includes growing as integral, active members of the faith community, participating in marriage enrichment events, and/or seeking help during life transitions and challenges.

SPONSORS PROVIDE MENTORING:

Married couples provide mentoring and assisting with formation and facilitation of the process.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Theology of Marriage; Individual and Family of Origin; Values; Effective Communication; Marital Intimacy; Balancing Practical Issues in Marriage; Developing Spirituality of Marriage.

REGISTRATION AND FEE:

To register, please complete the attached form and send with fee of \$160, which covers all materials, including the computerized communication tool, FOCCUS.

Refunds are subject to a \$15.00 processing fee. Please allow four weeks.



Joy-Filled Marriage Formation REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return with **\$160.00 fee** to:
Adult and Family Ministry, 2330 Cheyenne Street, Irving,
Texas 75062

Session Dates: Jan-March or Sept - Nov

Name (His) _____ age _____

Address _____

City & ZIP _____

Phone hm _____

e-mail _____

Religion/Denomination _____

Parish/Church _____

Is this your first marriage (civil, church)? Yes ___ No ___

If not: ___ Divorced ___ Annulled ___ Widowed

Children From Previous Relationship _____

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Name (Hers) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone hm \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Religion/Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first marriage (civil or church)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If not: \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Annulled \_\_\_ Widowed

Children From Previous Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Wedding Date: _____

Church: _____

Priest/Deacon officiating & completing paperwork:
