

Steps for Marriage Preparation & Matrimony at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Parish



- ✘ Prior to setting your wedding date, call the Parish Office (480/905-0221) to schedule appointment with Marriage Preparation Coordinator
- ✘ Meet with Marriage Preparation Coordinator
- ✘ Allow for extra time to complete annulments (if needed) Please note that *any annulment must be submitted and approved prior* to scheduling the wedding date
- ✘ **Take FOCCUS**—it’s not a test—it’s a communication tool



- ✘ Review and discuss **FOCCUS** Results with Marriage Prep Coordinator; set-up weekly meetings
- ✘ Register and attend the complete **Natural Family Planning Course** (these are multi-session classes, so please plan accordingly)
- ✘ Attend *God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*, a program based on Scripture and John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body.” Learn what the Church teaches about marriage and sexuality and why She teaches it
- ✘ Attend the Diocesan marriage life skills training course called, “**Love for Life Engaged Weekend**,” (or Engaged Encounter Weekend). *We highly recommend the Diocesan course*



- ✘ Work with **Marriage Prep Coordinator** to plan the wedding Ceremony
- ✘ Read **St. Bernadette Marriage Policy Document, Photographer Guidelines, and Facilities Agreement** forms
- ✘ Sign and return **Marriage Policy Document**; return signed **Photography Agreement** with signatures of all parties listed; return signed **Facilities Agreement** (with deposit if applicable)



- ✘ Work with the **Marriage Prep Coordinator** to schedule the Celebrant for the ceremony
- ✘ Contact the **Director of Sacred Music** and set appointment to plan music for the ceremony
- ✘ Get the **Marriage License** from the state (up to 1 year in advance). Without it, the priest and/or deacon will not be able to witness the wedding
- ✘ Enjoy your wedding! Together, live a life filled with God’s love and His abundant blessings.

