



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Marriage Preparation Checklist

(NOTE: YOU MUST ALLOW AT LEAST NINE (9) MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PREPARATION)

_____ 1. Initial Contact with Marriage Coordinator Couple

(To schedule the initial meeting, leave a voicemail at: 602-279-9547 x4241 OR

Email: marriageprep@sfxphx.org If emailing, give us your name and contact information)

You will need to bring:

_____ Copies of your baptismal certificates (less than six months old)

(For bride and groom)

_____ A deposit (at least ½ of fee; see separate document re: amount of fees)

(This will allow you to reserve your wedding date.)

At this meeting you will:

_____ Provide background information needed to assist in the preparation process

_____ Take the FOCCUS Inventory

_____ Receive a copy of SFX Wedding Handbook (if wedding is at SFX)

_____ Receive a Presider selection form

_____ Receive information about the classes you need to take (see items 3-5, below)

_____ 2. Meeting for FOCCUS Review with counselor couple

(You will be contacted by that couple)

_____ 3. Take Married Life Skills class (Recommended 7-8 months before wedding)

(You need to take only ONE of these classes:)

a. "Love for Life"- Fri. evening and Sat. at the Diocesan pastoral Center (downtown)

b. "Marriage in the Lord"- Saturday at the Franciscan Renewal Center (the "Casa")

c. "C.O.R.E." – Saturday in Tempe

d. [Remarriage Seminar- required only where one or both have been married previously]

_____ 4. "God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage" (Recommended 6-8 months before wedding)

Schedule this class at www.covenantoflovephx.org

_____ 5. Natural Family Planning Classes (Recommended 4-6 months before wedding)

Choose and schedule your class at www.phxnfp.org

_____ 6. Finalize Documents (Recommend doing this 3-4 months before wedding)

a. Pre Nuptial Inquiry Document _____

b. Affidavits of Free Status (two witnesses each for bride and groom)

_____ Bride _____ Groom

_____ 7. Meet with Priest or Deacon (SFX wedding) (1-2 months before the wedding)

(Sacrament of Reconciliation available)

_____ Meet with Liturgy Director- plan liturgy/ceremony, select Scriptures, Blessings, etc.

_____ Meet with Organist, choose a Cantor, and finalize music selections (SFX weddings)

_____ Do you have your wedding license from the County?