

Pre Nuptial Planning Sheet

Paperwork necessary for church records:

Recent copy of both baptismal certificates: these should be less than 6 months old

NFP Certificate: these classes are offered throughout the year by our diocese. We have the dates and locations in the church office.

Engaged Encounter Certificate: or certificate of pre nuptial classes. Engaged Encounter is held four times a year in our diocese and four times a year in the Lubbock Diocese. We have the dates in the church office.

Affidavit of Free Status: this paper we have here and it must be signed by four individuals, 2 for the bride and 2 for the groom in Father of Deacon's presence. These people cannot be relatives of the couple. They should be people you have known for many years and can attest to the fact that you were not previously married. They do not have to be Catholic.

Pre-nuptial Questionnaire: Father will ask these questions and fill this out, both the bride and groom have to answer these questions and must schedule a time with Father or the Deacon to do so.

Marriage License: In the state of Texas these are valid for 30 days after they are purchased, be aware that they are not valid for the first 72 hours after purchase. The ceremony cannot take place until after this period of time unless a waiver is given by the county judge. This is additional work to have this done so be sure to avoid it by getting the license more than 72 hours prior to the planned time for the ceremony.

In the event there is a prior marriage to another party for either the bride or groom there is additional paperwork that must be submitted to the diocese and ruled on before we can move forward on the marriage. Please ask for this paperwork if this is the situation.

Fees involved: \$300.00

There is a \$100.00 fee for the use of the church. This must be paid at the church office prior to the date of the ceremony. We call this the save the date fee as it must be paid to secure your date, this cannot be done until all paperwork necessary is completed and turned into the office. (This does exclude the marriage license which we like to have in the office at least 5 days before the date of the marriage.)

There is a honorarium for Father and the amount of that is set by the diocesan office. At the current time that honorarium/stipend is set at \$100.00. You may give this to the office or directly to Father but it must be done prior to the date of the ceremony

There is a \$100.00 fee for flowers. This will purchase two candle rings to be left in the church. If you would like the office to order this, please provide us with the colors wanted.

There are additional fees if you wish to use the parish hall. (Please be aware the only alcohol allowed in the hall will be that used by the bride and groom for their toast). If you are interested in the hall let us know so that we can check early for availability and go over the rates for the use of the hall.