



## DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE

### MARRIAGE CHECKLIST

*This checklist is provided for the use of couples preparing for marriage. Pastors may choose to modify this form (or create their own form) to accommodate the needs of their individual parishes, provided that they include all the requirements of the Marriage Formation Policy.*

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest or deacon preparing you for marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest or deacon officiating your marriage ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned location of marriage ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **FIVE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE**

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##### **Step 1 - Meetings with Priest or Deacon**

*Six to twelve months prior to the anticipated wedding date, the engaged couple will meet with the priest or deacon who will be preparing them for marriage.*

- Initial Meeting
- Subsequent Meetings

##### **Step 2 - Comprehensive Introduction to the Theology of the Body\***

*The engaged couple must complete an introduction to the Theology of the Body.*

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Material or Program Used: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Step 3 - Marriage Life-Skills Workshop or Retreat**

*The engaged couple must attend an approved marriage life-skills workshop or retreat. A certificate of completion is to be placed in the couple's file.*

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Step 4 - Course in Natural Family Planning\***

*Each couple must attend a diocesan-approved course in natural family planning. A certificate of completion is to be placed in the couple's file.*

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Method Learned: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Step 5 - Finalize Preparations**

*One to two months prior to the wedding date, the engaged couple will meet with the priest or deacon who will be officiating at the wedding to finalize all preparations.*

- Final preparations completed

#### **OTHER DETAILS**

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- State of Ohio Marriage License received
- Copies of Baptismal Certificates received
- Witnesses approved by priest or deacon
- Date for Wedding Rehearsal established
- Liturgical Ministers (altar servers, reader, cantor, etc.) approved by priest or deacon
- Music selected and approved by priest or deacon

\* See the website of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for options: [www.diosteub.org/family](http://www.diosteub.org/family)