



Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Catholic Community  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

## Request for Marriage Preparation Form

Thank you for choosing Catholic Marriage, it is a privilege for our parish community to be a part of this process with you. Please be assured that our desire is to provide you the very best we have to offer to prepare you for a lifelong, faith filled and joyful Christian marriage. Just like in anything else, you will only get out of something what you are willing to put in, so we encourage you to actively engage yourselves in the process. Please answer all of the questions inside this form. These answers will help us to personalize your marriage preparation process as much as possible. We look forward to working with you.

Where do you plan on having your marriage ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

Desired wedding date? \_\_\_\_\_

Desired language for Marriage Preparation? \_\_\_\_\_

Desired language for wedding ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Keep in mind that the date you select will not be confirmed until  
you have met with a marriage preparation facilitator)*

Between two baptized Christians, Marriage is considered a Sacrament. Because of their sacredness, the rightful place for the conferral of sacraments is within a Catholic Church. Catholics must exchange marriage vows in a Catholic Church for a marriage ceremony to be considered valid. In cases where a Catholic is marrying a non-Catholic and if there is good reason to marry outside of a Catholic Church, a Bishop may grant permission for a Catholic to exchange vows in another sacred place. **Secular wedding venues while often very beautiful are not sacred places.** *Thank you for taking the time to fill out this preliminary form. We will use it to begin to create a personalized marriage preparation plan just for you. We look forward to meeting with you personally and discussing the great things we have planned for this special time.*

*Please fill out this form completely and send to Rocio Martinez ([rmartinez@sacredheartmanvel.org](mailto:rmartinez@sacredheartmanvel.org))*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**[REQUEST FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION]**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM'S INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your religion?: Roman Catholic Protestant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not Roman Catholic, are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Yes No

1. Are you baptized? Yes No

A. If YES, in what religion \_\_\_\_\_

a. Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Place (Church/City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

B. If baptized Roman Catholic, do you need other Sacraments of Initiation?

(Check all that you need) First Reconciliation First Communion Confirmation

C. If NO, would you like to be baptized? Yes Not at this time

2. Are you and your fiancé /fiancée currently living together? Yes No

3. Are you civilly married with the person you now want to marry in the Catholic Church?  
Yes No If YES, the date of the Civil Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been married before **to someone else in any way?** Yes No

A. If YES was it in the Catholic Church? Yes No

B. If YES was it a Civil marriage? Yes No

C. If YES was it in at a non-Catholic Church or wedding venue? Yes No

5. Do you have any children in common? Yes No

A. If YES would you like information about religious education or sacramental preparation for them? (Ex. baby or older child needing baptism) Yes No

6. Do you have any children from a previous relationship? Yes No

A. If YES are you the custodial parent and do you require information about religious education or sacramental prep for them? (Ex. baby needing baptism) Yes No

**[REQUEST FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION]**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE'S INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Include maiden name)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your religion?: Roman Catholic Protestant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not Roman Catholic, are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Yes No

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  - a. Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Place (Church/City/State): \_\_\_\_\_  
B. If baptized Roman Catholic, do you need other Sacraments of Initiation?  
(Check all that you need) First Reconciliation First Communion Confirmation  
C. If NO, would you like to be baptized? Yes Not at this time
  
2. Are you and your fiancé /fiancée currently living together? Yes No
  
3. Are you civilly married with the person you now want to marry in the Catholic Church?  
Yes No If YES, the date of the Civil Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Have you ever been married before **to someone else in any way**? Yes No
  - A. If YES was it in the Catholic Church? Yes No
  - B. If YES was it a Civil marriage? Yes No
  - C. If YES was it in at a non-Catholic Church or wedding venue? Yes No
  
5. Do you have any children in common? Yes No
  - A. If YES would you like information about religious education or sacramental preparation for them? (Ex. baby or older child needing baptism) Yes No
  
6. Do you have any children from a previous relationship? Yes No
  - A. If YES are you the custodial parent and do you require information about religious education or sacramental prep for them? (Ex. baby needing baptism) Yes No