



The Process for Sacrament of Matrimony

1. Email info@umncatholic.org with the names of both individuals with your preferred dates.
2. The process begins with a meeting with a priest at St. Lawrence-Newman. This should take place at least six months before the desired wedding date.
3. At their first meeting with a priest, the couple will complete the FOCCUS pre-marriage inventory. The results of the FOCCUS instrument will be discussed either with a priest or with a married couple.
4. If either party has been previously married, it is especially important to contact a priest even sooner to discuss what further requirements there might be.
5. Catholic parties will need a copy of their baptismal certificate issued by the church of baptism within the last six months. Other Christians will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.
6. The couple is asked to attend a weekend retreat held at the University of St. Thomas.
7. The date and time of the wedding are generally determined at the first meeting.
8. There is a \$700 fee for parishioners or a \$900 fee for non-parishioners. This is used to offset the parish costs. A \$100 deposit is required to hold the date and time.