

Couple's Checklist for Marriage Preparation

The following Checklist is to help ensure that all the areas of preparation have been completed before the date of the wedding.

At Parish in which you will be married:

- _____ Contact the parish in which you hope to be married and set the date with the priest.
- _____ Set up an appointment with the pastor to review the parish policies on weddings and use of the church and facilities.
- _____ Set up an appointment with the Music Coordinator to discuss appropriate musical selections.
- _____ Set up rehearsal time with the priest (if not fathermike).

With Father Mike at UMD:

- _____ Contact Father Mike to schedule meetings (approx. 4-8).
- _____ Complete FOCCUS Inventory and Review with Father Mike.
- _____ Attend Engaged Couple's Weekend.
- _____ Attend Theology of the Body Day.
- _____ Attend Natural Family Planning course at Essentia Hospital.
- _____ Consistently go to Mass every Sunday and pray daily.
- _____ Listen to CD's and discuss with each other and fathermike.

Secure the following documents:

- _____ *Recently* issued Baptismal certificates.
- _____ Acquire the necessary dispensation if applicable (eg. Declaration of Nullity).
- _____ Diocesan Freedom to Marry Form.
- _____ Purchase civil marriage license (a few weeks before the wedding).

- _____ Bring a completed wedding program to rehearsal.

