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## **Marriage Prep Checklist**

**Instructions: Check each circle as you complete**

### **Six to Twelve Months Prior to Wedding Date:**

- Initial meeting with priest to get to know him & learn the marriage preparation process
- Review the results of the FOCCUS Inventory with your priest
- Complete Pre-Nuptial investigation Form
- If either of you have been previously married obtain a declaration of nullity
- Gather baptismal certificates
- Request dispensations as needed
- Decide on the appropriate marriage prep class
  - If there is no Marriage Prep program in your parish please visit website of the Office of Laity & Family Life <http://archstl.org/laityandfamilylife/page/marriage-preparation>
  - If either of you are widowed or divorced & annulled please consider the Re-Marriage Prep Program <http://archstl.org/laityandfamilylife/page/remarriage>

### **Four to Twelve Months Prior to Wedding Date:**

- Natural Family Planning Introductory Session scheduled (Call Office of Natural Family Planning 314-997-7576. If possible you should schedule this class to occur after your Marriage Preparation class.)
- Formal marriage preparation course scheduled
- Certificate of Completion from Marriage Preparation Program

### **Two to Four Months Prior to the Wedding Date:**

- Certificate of Completion from your Natural Family Planning Session (**this is a separate certificate from the one received for marriage prep**)

### **One to Two Months Prior to Wedding Date:**

- Use the resources provided by the priest/parish for planning the Wedding Liturgy
- No more than 30 days prior to the wedding date you must apply for a civil marriage license. For more information you can visit <http://www.morecorders.com/RequirementsML.htm>