

DIOCESAN GUIDELINES

Contact your pastor **at least 6 months** before the anticipated date of your wedding.

Register for **Marriage Preparation Day** or Engaged Weekend.

Check with your parish about music, flowers, photography, and rehearsal.

ECCLESIASTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Baptismal Certificates must be provided. Couple must have known each other at least 6 months, and both must have attained their 18th birthday by the date of marriage.

Premarital affidavits, necessary in most cases, are to be filled out by two witnesses who have adequate knowledge of the persons for whom they testify.

For interfaith marriages, the promises and the dispensation are required.

CIVIL REQUIREMENTS

Appear together before the County Clerk for license. If one of you is absent, a substitute may appear with an affidavit of the absent party, along with all necessary information to verify age and identification.

For ages 18 years and over, a copy of **driver's license** or **birth certificate**, and the **license fee**.

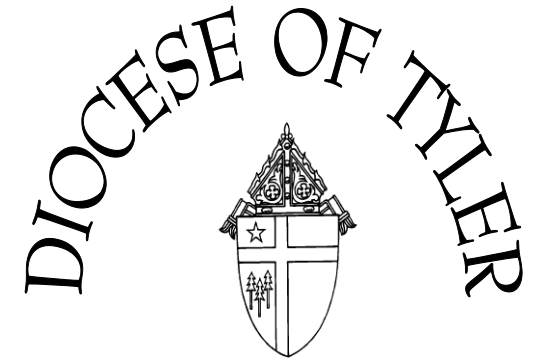
For ages under 18 years, a **certified copy** of the birth certificate is required, and one parent's written permission. If parents are divorced, parent with proven custody must give written permission. Those under age 14 may not marry without a court order.

There is a 72-hour waiting period after obtaining a license, which is valid for 30 days. For more information call your County Clerk.

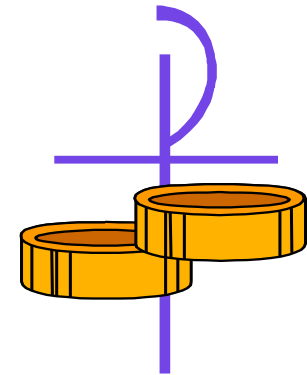
Call the Family Life Office, 903.534.1077, X165 or X166, or email at familylife@dioceseoftyler.org.

“Almighty and eternal God, you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of your Son’s union with the Church as his spouse.”

-Book of Blessings



OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Diocesan Marriage
Preparation Weekend

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please PRINT CLEARLY)

His Name: _____
 First *MI* *Last*

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Catholic Other _____

Parish/Church: _____

Is this your first marriage? Yes No

If no, then: Divorced Widowed
 Children from previous union

Her Name: _____
 First *MI* *Last*

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Catholic Other _____

Parish/Church: _____

Is this your first marriage? Yes No

If no, then: Divorced Widowed
 Children from previous union

His Age: _____ Her Age: _____

Wedding Date: _____

Wedding Location: _____

Priest/Deacon Officiating: _____

Registration should be **made 2 weeks or more in advance**. Send completed registration form and check/money order, made payable to the *DIOCESE OF TYLER*, to:

**Office of Family Life Ministry
Diocesan Engaged Weekend
1015 ESE Loop 323
Tyler, Texas 75701-9663**

A letter confirming your registration and payment will be sent by mail.

Your Church celebrates your love for each other and, because your decision to marry will be the most important decision of your lives, we offer you special preparation. Imagine spending a weekend in a peaceful retreat setting preparing for your future life together.

A wedding is a day...a marriage is a lifetime



WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE WEEKEND?

In a retreat-like atmosphere, concepts and skills which have proven useful in creating lasting and fulfilling marriages are presented by facilitators. The couples are given time to talk privately about these ideas in the light of their own relationship and to focus on their future life together. The format includes presentations, exercises, reflective handouts, and time for questions. Mass and an opportunity for Reconciliation are also provided.

WHEN AND WHERE IS IT HELD?

January 27-29, 2017 May 5-7, 2017
September 22-24, 2017 December 8-10, 2017

Wellspring Spirituality Center
16828 FM 2964
Whitehouse, Texas

**Arrival time: between 6:30 & 7:30
Friday evening**

WHAT IS THE COST?

The total cost per couple is **\$225.00**. This includes room for the 2 nights and 4 meals. Couples who are unable to pay the amount are encouraged to discuss their situation with their parish priest or parents. We will gladly work with any special arrangements.

WHAT TO BRING?

Comfy clothes.
Bring your favorite drink and a snack to share on Friday night and throughout the weekend. Example: chips, fruit, candy, popcorn, pretzels, cheese, etc. Bottled water will be provided.