

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION
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PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE AT ANOTHER CHURCH

We are happy to assist our parishioners as they prepare to be married at a church other than Annunciation Church. We will help you complete all of the necessary paperwork to ensure that your marriage is valid in the Catholic Church.

OFFERING

Because of the time and expense involved in assisting you to prepare for marriage, you are requested to make a donation of \$100 to Annunciation Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION (PRE-CANA)

You must enroll in a Catholic marriage preparation program to prepare for your wedding. Some of the ones available in the Archdiocese of Washington include:

Archdiocese of Washington. Two consecutive Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 5001 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. For info visit: www.adw.org or send an email to: flm@adw.org or call Course Office at 301.853.5334.

Saint Peter Parish on Capitol Hill. Four consecutive Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint Peter Church, 313 Second Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003. For info visit: www.saintpetersdc.org or send an email to dre@saintpetersdc.org or call 202.547.1430 x105.

Catholic Engaged Encounter. One weekend (Friday to Sunday) at hotels in the DC area. For info visit: www.dcengagedencounter.org.

“Three to Get Married”. Thursday and Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817. For info visit: www.bethesdacfd.org.

DOCUMENTATION

The officiating priest or deacon is responsible for all the necessary paperwork for a couple's wedding. Among the required documentation are the following:

- **Baptismal Certificates** (one current copy for baptized persons, obtained by each party through the place of one's baptism)
- **Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire** (administered to each separately)
- **Permission for Mixed Religion** (for a Catholic to marry a baptized non-Catholic)
- **Dispensation from Disparity of Cult** (For a Catholic to marry an unbaptized person)
- **Letter of Freedom** from one's pastor (if applicable)
- **Pre-nuptial Witness Affidavits** (from parents)
- **Certification** of participation in an approved Catholic marriage preparation program.
- **Civil License** obtained by the couple from the D.C. Government or the place where the wedding will be celebrated.

If either party has been married before, one of the following:

- **Declaration of Nullity of Bond** due to lack of canonical form.
- **Declaration of Annulment** for formerly attempted marriages.
- **Declaration of Death** of previous spouse