



PLANNING A CATHOLIC WEDDING

JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy you have decided to marry in the Catholic Church and will be receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony. There is education and preparation for all the sacraments of the faith, and this guide will help you choose the best class for you.

The name "PreCana" comes from the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Jesus performed his first public miracle, changing water into wine. Pre means before, so before your personal Wedding Feast at Cana, your own wedding day, we help you prepare for the sacrament and start on your journey to a happy, healthy, and holy lifelong marriage.

GETTING MARRIED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MEET WITH YOUR PARISH PRIEST OR DEACON.

Couples must collect information about guidelines for marriage at the parish where they wish to get married, including musical arrangements. Couples will also begin to fill out some of the required papers.

TAKE A PREMARITAL INVENTORY.

The inventories recommended by the Archdiocese of Chicago are both research and scientifically based with a Catholic understanding of marriage. They are the Catholic Couple Check Up, available at pvm.archchicago.org, or FOCCUS. Both inventories can be taken online.

ATTEND A MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS.

Classes are listed on the next page. Register online at pvm.archchicago.org or call 312.534.8351.

In addition to taking a PreCana class, you may also be interested in our supplemental videos about topics unique to your own experience. Videos about ceremony planning, cohabitation, children of divorce, forming a step-family, inter church and interfaith, military, second, and African American marriages are available on www.familyministries.org.

ATTEND A NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS.

Learn about the only method of family planning morally acceptable to Catholic teaching. Information about this can be found on pvm.archchicago.org.

CONSULT WITH YOUR PRIEST OR DEACON.

Discuss any concerns raised in your marriage preparation class, share the results of the premarital inventory, and review the ceremony details with the priest or deacon that will be presiding over your ceremony. Complete the required paperwork and review the readings and music you have chosen.

BUY A MARRIAGE LICENSE AND ATTEND YOUR WEDDING REHEARSAL.

Be sure you buy your marriage license at least, but no more than, 60 days before your ceremony. The wedding rehearsal takes place at your church with those involved in the ceremony as determined by your priest or deacon.

ENJOY YOUR WEDDING DAY AS YOU RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.

Begin your lifetime commitment to one another, your own marriage in the Lord.

ATTEND NEWLY MARRIED CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS IN YOUR FIRST YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

PRECANA

Engaged couples can attend a one day PreCana class held on a Saturday and led by a trained married couple at a variety of parishes. Through short talks, sharing of the facilitators' own experiences, group exercises, and personal reflection, couples are guided through topics useful for a successful future marriage. Some of the topics presented are: the sacrament of marriage, couple prayer, family of origin, couple adjustment and growth, Catholic faith, natural family planning, conflict management, finances, and children.

Class starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. with a one hour lunch break. You will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the day which fulfills the marriage preparation requirement in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The fee for PreCana is \$195 per couple. This covers the cost of the program, continental breakfast, handouts, workbooks, resources, and site rental.

If you are separated by distance and unable to attend a gathered PreCana, you may get permission from your priest or deacon to take the class online at catholicmarriageprepclass.com.

CLASSES

2017

July 8 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
July 15 Catholic Charities, Chicago
July 15 St. Gilbert, Grayslake
July 29 St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect
Aug 5 Our Lady of Ransom
Aug 26 St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect
Aug 26 St. Tarcissus, Chicago
Sep 9 St. Hedwig, Chicago
Sep 9 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Sep 16 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Sep 23 St. Martha, Morton Grove
Sep 30 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Oct 14 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Oct 14 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Oct 21 St. Walter, Chicago
Oct 28 Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park
Oct 28 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
Nov 11 St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect
Nov 11 St. Tarcissus, Chicago
Nov 18 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Dec 2 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Dec 2 St. Hedwig, Chicago
Dec 9 St. Martha, Morton Grove
Dec 16 St. Tarcissus, Chicago

2018

Jan 6 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Jan 13 St. Martha, Morton Grove
Jan 20 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Jan 20 Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park
Jan 27 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Jan 27 St. Hedwig, Chicago
Jan 27 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
Feb 3 St. Walter
Feb 10 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Feb 10 St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect

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Feb 10 St. Tarcissus, Chicago
Feb 17 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Feb 17 St. Gilbert, Grayslake
Feb 24 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Feb 24 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
Mar 3 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Mar 3 St. Hedwig, Chicago
Mar 3 St. Martha, Morton Grove
Mar 10 St. Gilbert, Grayslake
Mar 10 Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park
Mar 17 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Mar 17 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Mar 24 St. Tarcissus, Chicago
Mar 24 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
Apr 7 St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
Apr 7 St. Gilbert, Grayslake
Apr 7 St. Raymond, Mt. Prospect
Apr 21 Catholic Charities, Chicago
Apr 21 St. Christopher, Midlothian
Apr 28 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
Apr 28 Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park
May 5 St. Martha, Morton Grove
May 12 St. Gilbert, Grayslake
May 12 St. Walter, Chicago
May 19 Catholic Charities, Chicago
May 19 St. Christopher, Midlothian
May 19 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
June 2 St. Bernardine, Forest Park
Jun 9 St. Hedwig, Chicago
Jun 9 St. Martha, Morton Grove
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Jun 23 Queen of Martyrs, Evergreen Park
Jun 23 St. Tarcissus, Chicago

ADDRESSES

St. Bernardine - School Cafeteria, 815 Elgin, Forest Park, IL 60130

Catholic Charities - St. Vincent Hall, 721 North LaSalle Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

St. Christopher - Franciscan Room, 14611 South Keeler Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445

St. Daniel the Prophet - Mulligan Hall, 6625 West 54th Street, Chicago, IL 60638

St. Gilbert - Parish Center, 309 East Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030

St. Hedwig - Parish Center, 2226 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

St. Martha - 8529 Georgiana Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Our Lady of Ransom - Paluch Hall, 8300 North Greenwood Avenue, Niles, IL 60714.

Queen of Martyrs - St. Joseph Room in school, 10233 South Central Park, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

St. Raymond de Penafort - 301 South I-Oka Avenue, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

St. Tarcissus - School Auditorium, 6040 West Ardmore, Chicago IL, 60646

St. Walter - Peterson Hall, 11722 South Oakley, Chicago IL 60643



This seminar is about the Vocation and Sacrament of Marriage. It can help you rediscover or discover for the first time the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Catholic faith relating to marriage. The pedagogical approach to the seminar is threefold: presentations teach and assist couples to see how the Catholic faith relates to marriage and family life and are then followed by reflection, discussion, and prayer.

Presentations include the following:

- Trinitarian Theology, Creation, Sin, Suffering, Redemption, Vocation and Discipleship
- Covenantal Theology and the Properties of Marriage
- Sacraments: Matrimony, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation
- Covenantal Communication, Moral Virtues, and Money
- Covenantal Love and Life: Planning your Family God's Way

The seminar takes place on two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The \$250 fee covers the two days, books, resources, catered breakfasts and lunches, NFP class, and stipends.

For dates and locations, please visit www.oneinchristmarriage.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

A HEALTHY OPTION FOR A LIFETIME OF LOVE

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for natural, healthy, and morally acceptable methods of fertility management that follow Catholic teaching to help couples space, achieve, or avoid pregnancy.

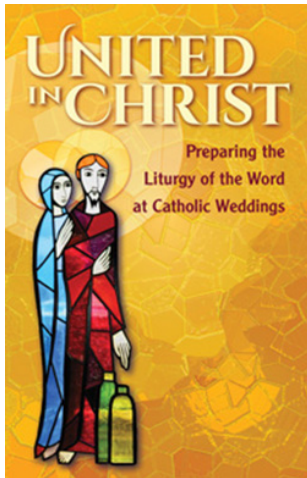
These methods are scientific, completely safe, natural, have no side effects, and do not involve the use of any medications, drugs, hormones, or devices.

The three methods taught in the Archdiocese of Chicago are: the Billings Ovulation Method™, the Sympto-Thermal Method, and the Creighton Model System. Classes are offered in English, Spanish, and Polish at a variety of locations.

You are encouraged to learn NFP four to six months before your wedding. Visit pvm.archchicago.org for more information.

RESOURCES FOR PREPARING YOUR WEDDING LITURGY

UNITED IN CHRIST: PREPARING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT CATHOLIC WEDDINGS



Written by Leisa Anslinger, Jennifer Kerr Breedlove, Charles A. Bobertz, Mary A. Ehle, Christopher J. Ferraro, Mary G. Fox, Corinna Laughlin, and Biagio Mazza

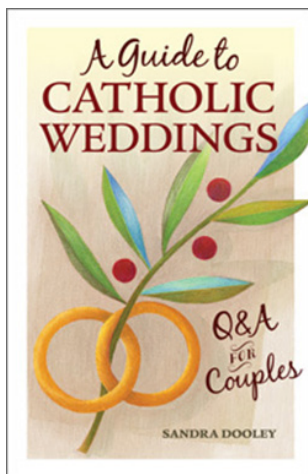
United in Christ: Preparing the Liturgy of the Word at Catholic Weddings provides couples with a simple resource for selecting the Scripture texts and important prayers for the wedding liturgy. This resource includes:

- Full texts of the Scripture readings
- Reflections on the readings written by married Catholic scholars
- Reasons a couple might select a particular reading
- Guidance for writing the Prayer of the Faithful with sample texts
- Full texts of the consent (vows), blessing and exchange of rings, and the Nuptial Blessing
- Selection form to turn in to the pastor, deacon, or liturgist

This product is also available in Spanish and as an e-book.

www.ltp.org/p-2923-united-in-christ-preparing-the-liturgy-of-the-word-at-catholic-weddings.aspx

A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC WEDDINGS: Q&A FOR COUPLES



Written by Sandra Dooley

A Guide to Catholic Weddings: Q&A for Couples provides the answers to common questions engaged couples have about getting married in the Catholic Church and preparing the wedding liturgy. It is a perfect resource to use together as a couple when participating in Pre-Cana formation.

This product is also available as an e-book.

www.ltp.org/p-2924-a-guide-to-catholic-weddings-qa-for-couples.aspx

PRAYERBOOK FOR ENGAGED COUPLES, FOURTH EDITION



Written by Austin Fleming

Newly revised, Prayerbook for Engaged Couples invites and assists couples to pray with the Scripture readings and prayer texts that will be used at their wedding liturgy. This resource will help couples learn to pray and reflect together on God's Word, a practice that will sustain them throughout their married lives.

www.ltp.org/p-1207-prayerbook-for-engaged-couples-second-edition.aspx

This product will be available in Spanish in 2018.

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