



Convalidations & Irregular Situations Checklist

Diocese of Lincoln

Wedding Parish: _____

Groom and Bride: _____

Preparation Steps Completed:

- Clergy Contacted/ Date: _____
- Canonical Interview Completed/Determine Case Type & Circumstances
(Convalidation/Second Marriage/Other Irregular Situation): _____
- Review 10 Steps to Get Married and Fertility Awareness Brochure
- Retreat or Formation Course & Date: _____ *(Be More Retreat is the recommended free option. You may access under WTL Dashboard, or on Marriage Catechumenate Hub on the Family Life website.)*
- Premarital Inventory (FOCCUS Convalidation or equivalent)
- Lay Accompaniment:
 - Pre-marital Inventory Facilitator Couples
 - Witness to Love Civil Marriage Initiative
 - Waived at pastor discretion in specific circumstances *(long-standing, stable civil marriage, elderly, etc.)*
- Pastoral "Theology of Marriage" Check-In (occurs post-retreat; replacing Private Instruction of Theology of Marriage)
 - Or Theology of Marriage Discussion Night (Witness to Love: Session 3)
- Liturgy Planning & Sacrament of Confession
- NFP Introductory Course *(if of childbearing age)*
- Case by Case Elements: Use Pastoral Discretion
 - Additional catechesis or enrichment, invitation to deeper faith, couple's prayer

Documents Collected:

	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>
1. Baptismal certificate or record	_____	_____
2. Affidavit of Freedom to Marry	_____	_____
3. Retreat/Formation certificate		_____
4. Other documents (Check if applicable)		
NFP Introductory Session Certificate of Attendance		_____
Decree of Nullity (from a previous marriage)	_____	_____
5. Death Certificate (of a previous spouse)	_____	_____

Rehearsal date/time _____

Proposed Convalidation date _____