

# Marriage Preparation Record Checklist

## Diocese of Lincoln

Wedding Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom and Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

### Preparation Steps Completed:

- Clergy Contacted/ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Canonical Interview Completed
- Review 10 Steps to Get Married and Fertility Awareness Brochure
- Retreat or Formation Course & Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Premarital Inventory (offered by clergy OR facilitator couples)
- Lay Accompaniment (Choose at least ONE)
  - Pre-marital Inventory Facilitator Couples
  - Witness to Love Mentor Couples
- 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 5)
- Liturgy Planning & Sacrament of Confession
- NFP Introductory Course (if of childbearing age)
- Invitation into Parish Life (encourage mentor couples to check-in after wedding)
- Case by Case Elements: For Inactive & Little Experience of Faith
  - Additional catechesis or enrichment, clergy shares personal testimony
  - Explicit Invitation of accepting the Kerygma/Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church

### Documents Collected:

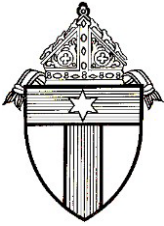
Groom

Bride

- |  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| 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)       | _____ | _____ |
| Death Certificate (of a previous spouse)           | _____ | _____ |

Rehearsal date/time \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding date/time \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 or an approved alternative - see Convalidation & Exception Guide)*
- 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 5)
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_