

# CHECKLIST FOR ALL ENGAGED COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

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- February 9: Engaged Couples Meeting and FACET Inventory**

After we receive the results of the inventory, we'll contact all engaged couples in chronological order according to wedding date to set up a convenient time for us to meet at the Parish Center. You'll have an opportunity to speak with each other about topics of interest to married couples. Deacon Bob will be present as a mostly silent mediator in the conversation.
- First Thing To Do: Engaged Couples Conference or Engaged Encounter Weekend**

As soon as possible after receiving this checklist, sign up for an Engaged Couples Conference or Engaged Encounter Weekend that is no later than a month before your wedding. To register for either the single day Conference or the Weekend, visit [www.hartfordmarriage.com](http://www.hartfordmarriage.com). If you have additional questions, you can contact the *Office of Family Life* at 860-242-5573, ext. 2690.
- If You Haven't: Obtain Copies of Sacrament Certificates**

You will need to obtain certificates signifying your previous reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. It is essential to submit *recently issued* certificates, within the last six (6) months, and that they have the parish church's seal on them. *Please do not submit original certificates.* Contact the parish church where you received your sacraments to request these certificates. If you received any sacraments from here at St. Mary, St. Therese, or St. Elizabeth Church, you will not need to request certificates for those sacraments. Upon receiving your certificates, please drop them off at the Parish Office.
- Any Time Before Your Wedding: Schedule the Rehearsal**

At any point between now and your wedding date, contact the Parish Office to schedule the date and time of your wedding rehearsal with Emily Naylor, St. John Bosco Parish Secretary. She can be reached at 203-488-1607 or by emailing [enaylor@saintjohnboscobranford.org](mailto:enaylor@saintjohnboscobranford.org).
- Six Weeks Before Your Wedding: Marriage License**

Approximately six weeks before your wedding date, apply for your marriage license at the Branford Town Hall. For more information, call the **Town Clerk's Office** at 203-315-0678. This marriage license will only be valid for sixty-five (65) days, so don't apply too early. You can always confirm a correct timeframe with the Clerk by giving your wedding date before applying.
- Four to Six Weeks Before Your Wedding: Music**

By about four to six weeks before your wedding date (or sooner if you wish), make sure to contact Jorge Prego, Director of Music Ministry at St. Mary Church, or Warren Gohsler, Director of Music Ministry at St. Therese Church, to plan the music for your ceremony. They can be contacted at [jorgeprego@hotmail.com](mailto:jorgeprego@hotmail.com) or [wgohsler@comcast.net](mailto:wgohsler@comcast.net). Please review and select music from the "Wedding Music Suggestions" sheet.
- One Month Before Your Wedding: Offering**

At least one month before your wedding date, the wedding offering of \$500.00 is due to the Parish Office. You can pay with check (made out to *St. John Bosco Parish*), cash, or credit card.
- One Month Before Your Wedding: Ceremony Selections**

No later than one month before your wedding date, submit the detachable form from the "Together for Life" booklet so that one of the priests or the deacon will be able to help you plan your ceremony. Before submitting the form, please make yourself a copy for personal reference.
- Two Weeks Before Your Wedding: Marriage License**

No later than two weeks before your wedding date, bring your marriage license to the Parish Office.
- On the Night of Your Rehearsal: Bring Whatever You Can**

On the night of your wedding rehearsal, bring everything you'll need for the ceremony itself (a Unity Candle, side candles and holders, wedding programs, or whatever else you've chosen to include). You may leave all such items in the Sacristy for safekeeping between the rehearsal and the ceremony.