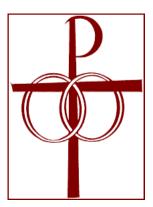
Steps for Marriage Preparation & Matrimony at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Parish



- Prior to setting your wedding date, call the Parish Office (480/905-0221) to schedule appointment with Marriage Preparation Coordinator
- ▼ Meet with Marriage Preparation Coordinator
- Allow for extra time to complete annulments (if needed) Please note that any annulment must be submitted and approved prior to scheduling the wedding date
- **▼ Take FOCCUS**—it's not a test—it's a communication tool



- Review and discuss **FOCCUS** Results with Marriage Prep Coordinator; set-up weekly meetings
- Register and attend the complete **Natural Family Planning Course** (these are multi-session classes, so please plan accordingly)
- Attend *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*, a program based on Scripture and John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." Learn what the Church teaches about marriage and sexuality and why She teaches it
- Attend the Diocesan marriage life skills training course called, "Love for Life Engaged Weekend," (or Engaged Encounter Weekend). We highly recommend the Diocesan course



- ₩ Work with **Marriage Prep Coordinator** to plan the wedding Ceremony
- Read St. Bernadette Marriage Policy Document, Photographer Guidelines, and Facilities Agreement forms
- Sign and return Marriage Policy Document; return signed Photography Agreement with signatures of all parties listed; return signed Facilities Agreement (with deposit if applicable)



- ₩ Work with the **Marriage Prep Coordinator** to schedule the Celebrant for the ceremony
- ► Contact the **Director of Sacred Music** and set appointment to plan music for the ceremony
- Get the **Marriage License** from the state (up to 1 year in advance). Without it, the priest and/or deacon will not be able to witness the wedding
- Enjoy your wedding! Together, live a life filled with God's love and His abundant blessings.