

“We’re engaged! Now what?”

9 steps for marriage preparation

Below is an overview of the steps for marriage preparation in the Diocese of Owensboro. These steps might not occur in this specific order. It is important to meet with the pastor and discuss how he would like for you to meet these steps.

- #1 Contact your parish priest at least 6-9 months before your tentative wedding date.
- #2 After meeting with your parish priest or deacon, set your wedding date and reserve the church.
- #3 Take the premarital inventory and fill out the MA form with your priest/deacon. Results are usually given in a follow up meeting with priest/deacon. (**Prepare/Enrich or FOCCUS are the two most popular in this Diocese.*)
- #4 Marriage Preparation: Register and attend Unveiled Online PreCana and retreat day, Engaged Encounter @ Gasper, or schedule sessions with your sponsor couple, whichever your pastor recommends.
- #5 Watch the Natural Family Planning Video on the Family Life website. Consider taking an introductory course on a particular method. (Intro to Creighton, Billings, and Marquette offered for free.)
- #6 Meet with priest/deacon to plan the liturgy. Begin praying your chosen Scriptures together.
- #7 Get a marriage license.
- #8 Enjoy your wedding day. And start enriching your marriage, which should go on for the rest of your life!
- #9 After your wedding, we invite you to join the closest Grace Marriage group to you in the Diocese. [Click here to learn more and see a map of locations.](#)