

TO DO BEFORE YOU SAY “I DO”



Information on the Sacrament of Marriage at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

♥ **Step 1: Fill out the premarital questionnaire and submit it to start the process. This must be done AT LEAST six (6) months in advance to anticipated wedding date. If you are marrying outside of the Diocese, or have previous marriages, then please turn in even sooner.**

♥ **Step 2: Prior to meeting with the clergy, start requesting and gathering the necessary documents to ensure they are ready by the deadlines in Step 5.**

[] The couple's Baptismal certificates – must be issued within the past 6 months and should have notations. If you do not have a recent copy, then you will need to contact the Church where you were baptized and request one with notations.

[] The couple's Confirmation certificates (a copy or notation on Baptismal Certificate is acceptable.)

[] For a convalidation only, the couple must turn in a copy of their civil marriage certificate.

♥ **Step 3: Meet with clergy to be interviewed, set a date, discuss special circumstances, and receive further instruction for steps 4 and 5.**

♥ **Step 4: Review fees and contact music and wedding coordinators**

1) Church Fee - \$500.00 (cash or check to OLMC - due 1 month prior to wedding)

2) Music, Mark Middleton, 707-688-4157 (text is preferred) - \$250.00 (please note that you must reach out to Mark to ensure your wedding date is on his calendar.)

3) Wedding Coordinator, Elaine Bruno, 707-326-1412

♥ **Step 5: Begin the Marriage Preparation Components - for weddings at OLMC, preparation must be complete 2 months prior to the wedding. For weddings outside of OLMC, but within the Diocese of Sacramento, the preparation must be done 3 months prior to the wedding. For marriages outside of the Diocese of Sacramento, preparation should be completed 4 months prior to the wedding:**

[] Marriage Enrichment Program at OLMC or Engaged Encounter Weekend

[] Natural Family Planning class with Andrey Arevalo

[] FOCCUS marriage inventory with Tom and Elaine Bruno