

**Marriage Preparation Checklist for:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Initial Meeting [Date: \_\_\_\_\_] [Initial Contact Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

[Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid in Full: \_\_\_\_\_]

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptismal certificates (less than six months old)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_ Groom

\_\_\_\_\_ Take FOCCUS Inventory \_\_\_\_\_ Register at SFX

\_\_\_\_\_ Receive a copy of SFX Wedding Guidelines (if wedding is at SFX) \_\_\_\_\_ T4L

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Guidelines and Photography sheet \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Worksheet

\_\_\_\_\_ Presider ( SFX or other ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dispensation or annulment needed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**PLEASE register for all classes as soon as possible, as classes fill up quickly!**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Take **ONE** of the following "Married Life Skills" classes (Recommended 6 -8 months before wedding)(for Spanish/Espanol see [www.alianzadeamorphx.org](http://www.alianzadeamorphx.org) )

a. Diocesan Pastoral Center –“Love for Life”- [www.ourcovenantoflovephx.org](http://www.ourcovenantoflovephx.org) Fri. eve and Sat

b. Engaged Encounter Retreat -[www.arizonacee.org](http://www.arizonacee.org) -Fri. eve. and Sat.

c. The Franciscan Renewal Center (“The Casa”) [www.thecasa.org](http://www.thecasa.org) - “Marriage in the Lord” (Sat.)

d. CORE – Tempe- Saturday email: [core\\_couples@yahoo.com](mailto:core_couples@yahoo.com)

e. [Remarriage Seminar]

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. “God’s Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage” (Recommended 7-8 months before wedding)

Schedule this class at [www.ourcovenantoflovephx.org](http://www.ourcovenantoflovephx.org) **PLEASE register for this class before registering for Natural Family Planning.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Natural Family Planning Classes (Recommended 5-7 months before wedding)

Choose and schedule your class at [www.phxnfp.org](http://www.phxnfp.org) (NOTE: this program takes 12 weeks to complete, and requires 10 weeks of charting. PLEASE START THESE CLASSES NO LATER THAN **5 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING DATE.**)

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. FOCCUS Review with Evaluator

(You will be contacted approximately 2 – 3 months before your wedding)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Finalize Documents (Recommend doing this 3-4 months before wedding)

a. Pre Nuptial Inquiry Document \_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_ Groom

b. Affidavits of Free Status (two witnesses each for bride and groom, for a total of 4 witnesses)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_ Groom

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Meet with presider (priest or deacon) (If wedding is at SFX, do this at least 1-2 months before the wedding.)

(Sacrament of Reconciliation available)

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with Liturgy/Music Director (SFX weddings)

Meet w/ us [marriage.prep@sfxsj.org](mailto:marriage.prep@sfxsj.org); Music Ministry [craig.colson@sfxsj.org](mailto:craig.colson@sfxsj.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with Wedding Coordinator (SFX weddings)(Rehearsal, Fri. eve. before)

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have your wedding license from the County?

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegation letter \_\_\_\_\_ Permission letter