

## Step-by-Step Guide

1. Contact the pastor at your parish as soon as you decide to get married. This should be done a minimum of one year before your prospective wedding date.

Please note that it is our policy to confirm a wedding date when the couple meets in person with the pastor.

For those who have previously been married, whether civilly or in another religious ceremony, no wedding date can be set until freedom to marry is established by the Chancery.

2. Select a marriage preparation course. Verify that it is acceptable to your pastor before registering. Consult the list of upcoming Sacrament of Marriage Preparation courses in the Diocese.

3. Send a copy of your proof of completion of the course to your pastor.

4. Additional meetings may be required for such things as the PREPARE ENRICH on-line communication questionnaire, planning the wedding liturgy, wedding rehearsal, etc.

5. Obtain a Civil Marriage License and deliver it to the parish in advance of the wedding. For further information, [visit the website for the Province of Ontario](#).

*Please Note:* Your pastor will provide you with direction and further information on the process of getting married in the Catholic Church.