

Marriage Data Check-Off

When marriage takes place within Diocese of Spokane

The Prenuptial File will contain some or all of the following documents, according to circumstances.

- Letter from Priest/Pastoral Minister who prepared couple summarizing the marriage prep process
- Pre-nuptial Investigation (this may include documentation re declaration of nullity or verification of a spouse's death)
- Baptismal certificate for Catholic Groom (recently issued)
- Baptismal certificate for Catholic Bride (recently issued)
- Baptismal certificate or testimonial for a baptized non-Catholic
- Permission/dispensation for marriage of Catholic and non-Catholic (Pastors may grant this permission/dispensation for a marriage celebrated in his Parish; otherwise, the permission/dispensation is requested from the Chancery)
- Affidavits of Freedom to Marry (at least 1 for each party). A Pastoral Minister may verify the unmarried status of a person through phone call or email and place this documentation in the file.
- FOCCUS Inventory and/or documentation of other marriage prep programs (e.g. Engaged Encounter)