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Dear Couple,

Congratulations on your plan to enter into a Christian marriage. We welcome you and want to help you in any way we can. Below are some important items you will need in order to get married at Holy Cross Church.

One year before your wedding meet with the priest to discuss the following.

- 1) Have either of you been married in a Church or in a civil marriage of any kind? If so, please provide us with all the details.
- 2) Take a marriage preparation course.

<https://www.rcbo.org/group/family-services-from-pastoral-care/marriage-preparation>

- For a full list of courses contact the Office of Family Services at the Diocese of Orange at: (714) 282-3000 or see the listed options on the following link:

<https://www.rcbo.org/wp-content/uploads/Deanery-II-2017-MIL-Schedule-Registration-1.pdf>

Deanery II Marriage in the Lord Preparation 2017. Couples are required to attend all four classes. Orange, Placentia, Brea, Yorba Linda.

- Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2017
- Mondays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2017
- Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2017
- Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2017

<https://www.rcbo.org/wp-content/uploads/Marriage-in-the-Lord-2017-Class-Schedule.pdf>

Deanery III- Marriage in the Lord Preparation 2017 (English and Spanish). Anaheim, Fullerton, La Habra.

- ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH. 2017. English Marriage in the Lord. FRIDAYS.
 - o February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 3 from 7 pm – 9:30 pm
 - o September 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6 from 7pm – 9:30 pm
- Spanish Marriage in the Lord (SUNDAYS)
 - o February 19 & 26 from 4 pm – 9 pm
 - o September 17 & 24 from 4 pm – 9 pm

<http://www.gpmp.org/>

Deanery V. A Godly Plan for Love & Holy Matrimony. Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach.

- Series #1: Classes held: February 2, 9, 16, 23
- Series #2: Classes held: May 4, 11, 18, 25
- Series #3: Classes held: July 6, 13, 20, 27
- Series #4: Classes held: October 5, 12, 19, 26

<https://www.rcbo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-MIL-Schedule-Deanery-6-FINAL.pdf>

Deanery VI Marriage in the Lord Preparation 2017. Irvine, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Tustin.

- February : (Fri) 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 7-9:30 pm, St John Neumann
- March: (Sat) 3/25, 9am-3 pm, (Sun) 3/26, 12-5 pm, Our Lady Queen of Angels
- April: (Fri) 4/21, 6:00-10pm, (Sat) 4/22, 6-10 pm, St. Thomas More
- August: (Sat) 8/19 & 8/26 9-5 pm. Santiago de Compostela
- September: (Fri) 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 7-9:30 pm, St. John Neumann
- October: (Fri) 10/20, 9-4 pm (Sat) 10/21, 9 am-4 pm, St. Thomas More
- October: (Thurs) 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 7-9:30 pm, St. Cecilia

<https://www.rcbo.org/wp-content/uploads/Deanery-7-Marriage-Prep-Brochure.pdf>

Deanery 7 A Marriage in the Lord Preparation 2017. Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Aliso Viejo, Ladera Ranch, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Beach.

- Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 27, 2017.
 - Wednesdays: June 7, 14, 21, 28.
- Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/familylife/Pages/default.aspx>
<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/familylife/marriage/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Other options. Catholic Engaged Encounter: <http://eweekend.org>
- 3) Do a Pre-Marriage Inventory (FOCCUS) <http://www.foccusinc.com>
 - Contact Deacon Denis Zaun denisz@smdpyl.org (714) 970-2771. Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church / 19767 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.
 - Tell Deacon Denis that Father François Beyrouiti sent you and you are getting married at Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church.
 - 4) Complete a Natural Family Planning session.
 - Deacon Denis Zaun also has information about Natural Family Planning sessions at Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church.
 - Contact the Diocese of Orange or The California Association of Natural Family Planning. 1-877-33-CANFP - info@canfp.org - <https://www.canfp.org>
 - 5) Recommended reading: Gary Chapman, *The Five Love Languages*.
 - 6) Preparing For the Big Day: Couples Must Invest In Lifelong Commitment. Diocese of Orange Marriage Preparation Programs Come In Many Forms But Teach the Same Lessons. By Cathi Douglas. 2/15/2016
<http://occatholic.com/preparing-for-the-big-day-couples-must-invest-in-lifelong-commitment/>

Three months before your wedding:

- 7) Get your baptismal and chrismation (confirmation) certificates. These need to be produced within six months of your wedding date.
- 8) After you complete your Marriage Preparation Class, the Pre-Marriage Inventory, and the Natural Family Planning session set an appointment with me to fill out the Church forms required for the wedding.
- 9) During this visit or at another time you will need to bring two witnesses each, preferably your parents, so they can sign an affidavit that states you have never been married in either a Church, a religious ceremony of any kind, or a civil ceremony of any kind.
- 10) Holy Cross Church suggests a donation of \$500. Please note that if your wedding will be at another Church, the other Church will request an additional donation. We recommend that your wedding take place at Holy Cross Church.
- 11) You need to get a license from the state of California. This is only valid for 90 days.
 - For details go to: <http://www.ca.gov/HomeFamily/Marriage>

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