



Diocese of Davenport

Summary of Marriage Preparation Requirements

Below is the list of marriage preparation activities to be completed by all engaged couples beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Diocese of Davenport after December 31, 2016.

1. **Initial personal** interview with the priest, deacon or pastoral minister
2. Completion of an approved **Premarital Inventory**
 - FOCCUS/REFOCCUS
 - PREPARE/ENRICH
3. Appropriate number of **follow-up meetings** as determined by the minister to address the specific circumstances of the couple
4. Participation in a **Marriage Preparation Instructional Program**
 - **Sponsor Couple** (preferred option)
 - Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Day/Weekend
 - Approved On-line option - catholicmarriageprepclass.com (only under special circumstance – requires parish approval)
5. Participation in an **approved Introductory Natural Family Planning Instruction**
 - Individual couple or group on location instruction
 - Live or self-paced online instruction
 - One-on-one Skype instruction
 - *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* video and study guide
 - * A listing of NFP instructors and approved NFP online classes are available on the Diocesan website.
6. Completion of the **pre-nuptial investigation form** and final decision to proceed or delay the wedding
7. **Post-wedding couple contact plan**

