

Required Documents for Catholic Weddings

The following documents are necessary before marriage. The Diocese of Reno accepts the legal documentation in the Diocese in which you receive your marriage preparation. All Dioceses require the following:

1. **Baptismal Certificates:** A **copy** of both of your baptismal certificates must be submitted **or a copy** of a Birth Certificate of non-baptized participant. After the celebration of the marriage liturgy, a notification that the Sacrament has taken place will be sent to the church of baptism of the Catholic parties.
2. **Pre-Nuptial Documentation:** The Priest or Marriage Preparation Team will help the couple with this documentation.
3. **Affidavits (2 per person) stating freedom to marry:** the Personal Testimonial Form (affidavits) from a parent, relative or close friend, that each person to be married is free to do so.
4. **Marriage license:** issued by the State of Nevada. It must be presented to the Wedding Coordinator prior to the wedding.
5. Most Dioceses require an **Engagement Encounter Certificate** and a **Pre-Marital Assessment Inventory**.
6. **Canonical Form:** Sometimes it is necessary to obtain special permission or dispensation before a marriage may take place. The Priest preparing the couple will explain this and assist in obtaining that which is necessary.
7. **Annulment of a Marriage Document:** If either party has been married in a Catholic or other Christian religious ceremony please contact your Parish Priest to begin the annulment process as it takes approximately one year for the decision to be made. Neither Weddings nor Co-validation of a Civil Marriage can be performed without this document.
8. **Wedding Contract** for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Incline Village, Nevada.

PLEASE NOTE that couples receiving their pre-marital preparation in their home Parish need to have all of their documents sent from their home Diocese to the Reno Diocese at the following location (not to St. Francis of Assisi):

***Tribunal Office
290 S. Arlington Ave.
Suite 200
Reno, NV. 89501
Attn: Fr. Robert Chorey***