



# 7 Steps

**WHEN: ONE YEAR BEFORE YOUR DESIRED WEDDING DATE**

**Step 1**

Meet with Pastor

with the Pre-nuptial Questionnaire you need to complete and explain Steps 2—6 of your Marriage Preparation Process. After this first meeting, it is strongly advised to keep in regular contact with the priest or deacon handling your ceremony.



**WHEN: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST MEETING**

**Step 2**

Questionnaire

determining if there are any dispensations to be granted by the diocesan office.

**WHEN: NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING**

**Step 3**

Skills Training

courtship. There are various educational programs available in the diocese and parish. The formats vary from a weekend retreat to multiple evening meetings. Your priest or deacon can help you select the program that best fits your needs.

**WHEN: SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING**

**Step 4**

Music Selection

on the religious nature of love – the love that exists between God and the couple being married – and the sacred character of Holy Matrimony. This means that any music which would be appropriate at Mass or other liturgical rites is also appropriate for your wedding.



**WHEN: SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING**

**Step 5**

Wedding Director

the Wedding Director will assist in preparing the space (i.e. changing room for the bridal party) and with other logistical issues.

**WHEN: DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING**

**Step 6**

Rehearsal

ceremony for this essential rehearsal.

**WHEN: WEDDING DAY**

**Step 7**

Wedding Day

preclude you from having time for photographs in the church after the ceremony.

