

Responsibilities of Couples Taking Part in Marriage Preparation

I/we agree and understand that it is my/our responsibility to:

- 1) Complete the **Prenuptial Investigation** and sign this *Responsibilities Agreement*.
- 2) **Set a date and time** for the rehearsal and the wedding ceremony with both the parish office and the Priest/Deacon who will officiate.
- 3) Complete **FOCCUS** Premarital Inventory Assessment and meet for interpretation/discussion of the results of FOCCUS.
- 4) Provide baptismal records and other applicable documents.
- 5) If applicable, apply for matrimonial permission/dispensation and sign the required promise (Catholic Party).
- 6) Watch two Natural Family Planning Videos (on diocesan web site) and participate in a Natural Family Planning Course.
- 7) Participate in a Sponsor Couple Program (a Peer to Peer method to assist you in preparation for marriage).
- 8) Make arrangements to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend Retreat and provide a copy of the certificate issued upon completion.
- 9) Obtain a civil marriage license.
- 10) Make arrangements at least two weeks in advance to meet with the Priest/Deacon who will officiate at the wedding ceremony to make known your choice of readings, prayers, etc. for the service.

Signature of the groom-elect and date

Signature of the bride-elect and date

- Original to be kept in the "Pastoral Care and Preparation for Marriage **Envelope**."
- Copy to be provided to the engaged couple