

RCIA and Convalidation

- **When is convalidation required?**
See chart in Tab 4, p. 4.

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RCIA and Marriage Prep Questions to Ask!

- “Have you ever been married before?” (This includes in a church, at a casino, while sky-diving, at a winery, during underwater scuba diving, in grandparents’ backyard, on the beach in Hawai’i.) *Remember:* All marriages between a man and a woman “count” until looked at by a Tribunal.
- If yes, get proof of annulment. If no case has been submitted to a Tribunal, this needs to be forwarded to a Parish Advocate. Marriage prep is put on hold.
- NEVER set a wedding date until it is verified that both parties are free to marry. You will save a lot of heartache down the road.

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Marriage Prep Folder

On behalf of the Groom

- Form A – Pre-marriage testimony
- Form B – Two witnesses for the Groom
- Baptismal certificate, with notations, if applicable
- Confirmation certificate, if not noted on baptismal certificate
- Dispensation/Permission, if applicable
- Marriage Nullity Decree, if applicable

On behalf of the Bride

- Form A – Pre-marriage testimony
- Form B – Two witnesses for the Bride
- Baptismal certificate, with notations, if applicable
- Confirmation certificate, if not noted on baptismal certificate
- Dispensation/Permission, if applicable
- Marriage Nullity Decree, if applicable

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Marriage Prep Folder (continued)

On behalf of both Groom and Bride

- Letter of Permission from Pastor (if the couple is getting married outside of the parish)
- Certificate of Completion of Marriage Preparation (Parish-based, Engaged Encounter, or CatholicMarriagePrep.com)
- Certificate of Completion of Premarital Inventory Assessment (FOCCUS, Prepare/Enrich, or Fully Engaged)
- Certificate of Completion of Natural Family Planning (NFP) introductory course
- Certified copy of civil marriage license, if a convalidation

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