

Convalidation

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What is a Convalidation?

Convalidation is marriage in the Church

The couple needs to go through marriage preparation, per diocesan policy

- Do not assume the couple knows the Church's teaching on marriage
- Find out why the couple seeks a convalidation (what issues are present?)

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A Convalidation is not...

A blessing of a civil union

A renewal of vows

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Why Convalidation?

Why are they deciding to take this step now?

Why didn't they get married in the Church in the first place?

"The children want us to do it."

"We want to receive communion with our children (or for some event)."

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"All of our problems will go away if we get married in the Church." (Marriage in the Church is not a magic pill.)

"Father said we had to get married before ... Quinceañera, Baptism, First Communion, etc. can occur."

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