



For Couples Who Plan to be Married Elsewhere

For a couple, **where at least one member is a registered member of St. Francis Xavier parish or who lives within the parish boundaries**, we will be happy to do the preparation (paperwork) that is required for the wedding, provided sufficient time is allowed for that preparation, usually six months.

Because of the time and postage required both here and at the Archdiocesan offices, we ask for \$250.00 for this service.

- In addition, if a dispensation is required, we ask for an additional \$50.00.
- And if the mailing must be done internationally, the Archdiocese asks an additional \$150.00.

When all the materials are gathered, they will be sent to the New York Archdiocese and then to the Diocese in which the wedding will take place. Then that diocese will send the materials to the church of the wedding. A letter of permission to be married elsewhere will be included in the wedding materials. All this requires that the materials be gathered at the latest one month before the wedding date.

If you are interested in having the paperwork done at the parish you will need to attend one of the scheduled sessions. The first session explains the process that you need to follow for having your marriage within the Catholic church. The second session will gather all the necessary paperwork so that it can be sent to the Archdiocese of New York. Mr. Robert Choiniere, member of the parish staff, will conduct these sessions.

Session I: Fact finding session

- A brief preliminary prayer
 - ... Assumption 1: at least one of you must be a baptized Catholic
 - ... Assumption 2: you are free to be married in the Church
 - ... if needed, a word about annulments
- A business piece
 - ... Fill out the required information sheet.
 - ... Please be prepared to present the required fee(s):
 - = \$250.00 for the service provided by the church
 - = An additional \$50.00 fee if a dispensation is involved
 - = A further \$150.00 for international mailing.
- More than paperwork
 - ... The human requirements of marriage: friendship and honesty
 - ... The spiritual hopes for marriage: holiness and sacrament.
 - ... Distribute texts for the wedding
- Now, things that are required:
 - ... recent baptismal certificates (6 months)
 - ... programs for pre-Cana
 - ... pre-Nuptial Investigation
 - ... freedom to marry witnesses
 - ... dispensation if needed (explain the permission and dispensation)
 - ... letter from the parish to the church of the wedding
 - ... Any further requirements from the church or diocese of the wedding
- A note on obtaining the Marriage License
- Time to complete the pre-Nuptial investigation

Session II: Preparing the folder to be sent.

- A brief preliminary prayer
- Gathering all required materials
- Walking through the Marriage ritual (if needed)
- Look at selected *check lists*
- Assurance that the presiding priest has been consulted
- Prepare the letter of permission from SFX
- a spiritual journey ahead.

The schedule of sessions is as follows; Session 1 (Things Required) begins at 6:30 pm. On the same evening, but beginning at 6:00 pm, Session II (Sending Materials) will take place. For those seeking Session II, please make sure everything required is in order.

2017 September 14 October 10 November 14	2018 January 11 February 8 March 8 April 12 May 10 June 14
PLEASE E-MAIL WHEN YOU PLAN	TO COME.

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Getting married elsewhere than St. Francis Xavier Church

Date of the Wedding: _____ Place of wedding: _____

Bride's Information: Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail

Groom's Information: Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail

Church to be married in - give full address:

A registered member of the parish, or those who live within the parish boundaries, may choose to be married elsewhere.

Required fees:

– If all you require is a letter of permission to marry in the other place, this can be done without cost.

Person to whom materials will be sent:

– If the full marriage preparation is to be done here at St. Francis Xavier, we ask \$250.00 for this service.

– If a dispensation is required, we ask an additional \$50.00

– if international mailing is required, the Archdiocese asks an additional \$150.00

Priest (Deacon) who will officiate:

– Note: The marriage preparation materials will be sent to the Diocese where the wedding will take place through the Archdiocese of New York. All materials therefore must be completed and sent at least one month before the wedding.

Phone:

e-mail:

– Additional Note: Attendance at St. Francis Xavier church for Sunday Mass does not in itself constitute being a registered member. Forms for registration are available at the receptionist at the Parish Office, 55 West 15th Street.

For office use only:

Items needed to be married at SFX

Service for the church: _____

Dispensation: _____

International mailing:..... _____

Baptismal certificates _____

Pre-Marital Investigation .. _____

Pre-Cana _____

Dispensation (if needed).. _____

Freedom to marry _____

Permission from Parish of residence, if not SFX ... _____