



For Couples Who Plan to be Married Elsewhere

We are happy to help couples prepare for a Catholic wedding that will occur in a parish other than St. Francis Xavier.

Please contact our wedding coordinator on staff, Desiree Resto at dresto@sfxavier.org to begin your marriage preparation. She will explain the preparation process and all of the necessary documents that will be required.

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. That diocese will send the materials to the church of the wedding. A letter of permission will be included in the wedding materials.

It is best to begin this process 4 -6 months in advance from your wedding date as this entire process takes approximately 4 months to complete.

The required documentation includes:

- ... Newly Issued Baptismal Certificates (issued no later than 6 months prior to your wedding date)
- ... Pre-Cana Certificates
- ... Pre-Nuptial Investigation
- ... Freedom to marry affidavit
- ... Dispensation (if needed)
- ... Permission letter from the parish to the church of the wedding

You must obtain a civil marriage license in the State/Country where the wedding will be taking place.

Fees

There is a \$275.00 for this service.

An additional \$150 fee is required for all international weddings. This covers the cost of Fed-Ex shipping and tracking for all documents.

If a Dispensation is required there is an additional \$50 fee.