

## Documentation Needed

1. Recently issued annotated baptismal certificate

NOTE: For non-Catholics, if documentary proof is not available, affidavits of parents or trustworthy persons are acceptable.

2. If there has been a prior marriage, a Death Certificate of spouse or a Decree of Nullity of marriage

3. Testimony that party is free to marry\*

4. Certificate of Attendance at a diocesan-approved marriage preparation program (*One in Christ*® or *Catholic Engaged Encounter*® – see website for registration information)

### 5. Marriage License

If the marriage license is issued in Pennsylvania, applicants can be married anywhere in the state. The license shall not be issued by a licensing officer sooner than seventy-two hours (3 days) after application is made. Once granted, the license is valid for 60 days.

A marriage license shall not be issued to a minor under the age of eighteen unless the parents or legal guardians of the minor accompany the minor to the courthouse.

When applying for a marriage license at the courthouse, both parties must go together with the following items:

- Identification (birth certificate or driver's license)
- Social Security card
- Cash (check with courthouse for amount of fee)
- Divorce decree or death certificate (if previously married)
- Green card or passport (if not a U.S. citizen)
- Interpreter, if needed (one applicant cannot interpret for the other)

Call the county courthouse for additional information.

\*If under 18, any parental objections to the marriage must be disclosed to the priest