

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 (CatholicMarriagePrep.com© 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