

## **MOTHER OF SORROWS Wedding Check List**

This checklist will allow you to see what needs to be done for the church by a specific time for the preparation of your wedding. It is merely a guideline, but will eliminate any concerns on your part as to when something needs to be completed. You should keep this paper with your other marriage preparation documents. Individual cases may vary. All arrangements and questions should be directed to the priest who is handling your wedding. All of these items must be handled BEFORE the wedding. Please keep this list with your other wedding planning items. **The engaged couple is responsible for scheduling and keeping these appointments.**

- \_\_\_ 1 YEAR - At the time of your meeting with the priest or deacon - If either party was married before, he or she needs to submit proof of divorce and proof of a Decree of Nullity. Make an appointment with the priest to discuss this matter as soon as possible.
- \_\_\_ 9 MONTHS - Call to meet with the priest or deacon for the FOCCUS and FOCCUS review.
- \_\_\_ 8 MONTHS - make certain that you have told us that you are ready to begin with a sponsor couple if that is your method of preparation for the sacrament of marriage or if you are planning to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend.
- \_\_\_ 6 MONTHS - Read again the Wedding Policies given to you at the beginning of the planning process.
- \_\_\_ 6 MONTHS - Submit your Baptismal certificates. Catholic baptismal certificates must be dated within six months of the wedding date.
- \_\_\_ 6 MONTHS - Make an appointment with the priest to complete the official paperwork.
- \_\_\_ 6 to 4 MONTHS - Call to make an appointment with the Music Director of Mother of Sorrows to choose wedding music.
- \_\_\_ 1 MONTH - Make an appointment with the priest or deacon to review *Together For Life* and program if you have one.
- \_\_\_ 1 WEEK - Bring the marriage license to the church office.
- \_\_\_ 1 WEEK - Return the registration form to the office if you will remain a member of Mother of Sorrows.
- \_\_\_ Night of Rehearsal - Bring all fees in envelopes that are clearly marked.

Please feel free to call Deacon Dan 724-733-8870 or email [dfrescura@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dfrescura@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with questions.