

La Purísima Concepción Catholic Church
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MARRIAGE INFORMATION

The Faith Community of La Purísima Concepción congratulates you on your decision to marry in the Catholic Church. Our preparation process is intended to help you prepare to enter a marriage that will last for the rest of your lives and to assess your readiness to do so at this time. The basic outline of the process appears below. Each item or requirement will be fully explained to you by Father during your first interview.

1. Call the Pastoral Center (805) 735-3068 and request an appointment for your pre-marriage interview. Both the bride and the groom must be present. This initial interview must take place at least **six months before the proposed wedding date**.
2. Complete the Marriage Information Form on the other side of this page and bring it with you to your interview.
3. If there are no apparent obstacles to your marrying at this time, the person preparing you for marriage will give you a copy of the Marriage Guidelines and explain each requirement. If there are obstacles to marrying at this time, they will be explained to you and you will be told how to remove them
4. The marriage preparation process include the following:
 - Several one hour meetings with the person who is assisting you with the preparation.
 - Evaluation of the pre-marital inventory called “Foccus” administered with a counselor, used to help assess your readiness for marriage. You will be given the counselor’s name and phone number.
 - Collection of the documents necessary to complete your marriage file.
 - a) Proof of baptism or non-baptism for each party.
 - b) Certificates for First Communion and/or Confirmation if received in a Catholic or Orthodox Church
 - c) Certificate of completion of an approved marriage preparation program.
 - d) Sworn testimony of two people for each party establishing their freedom to marry in the Catholic Church.
 - e) Sworn testimony of both the bride and groom.
 - f) Valid civil marriage license issued by any county in the State of California or, if you are already civilly married, a copy of the marriage license for that ceremony.
 - g) Church decrees of annulment for **any kind of prior marriage** by either the bride or the groom, whether Catholic or not.
 - h) Any special permission(s) required by Church law.
5. Fulfillment of financial obligations. (This includes a **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit** to reserve the date of your wedding.) Please make sure the donation to the church has been paid in full at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding date.
6. Planning the wedding ceremony
7. Rehearsal
8. Celebration of the marriage

We are looking forward to helping you through this process of preparation and to the celebration of your wedding.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION FORM

Groom's Name: _____
(Your Full Name)

Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Other: () _____

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Religion: _____ Parish/Church: _____ City _____
(What parish do you belong to?)

Have you ever been baptized? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, in what religion? _____

Have you ever been married before, in any kind of ceremony, civil or religious? Yes ___ No ___

Bride's Maiden Name: _____
(Your Full Name)

Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone () _____ Other: () _____

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Religion: _____ Parish/Church: _____ City _____
(What parish do you belong to?)

Have you ever been baptized? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, in what religion? _____

Have you ever been married before, in any kind of ceremony, civil or religious? Yes ___ No ___

Who do you want to officiate at your wedding? _____

(DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

Interviewer: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Ceremony: Day: _____ Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Language: _____

Deposit: _____ Date Paid: ____/____/____

Interviewer's Comments: _____

