

Required Documents

- 1) A Baptismal certificate – **dated within six months of the wedding** – is to be submitted by each Catholic person. The original copy from 20-30 years ago is not acceptable. The ‘recent’ copy that we request and need will have additional notations of all the one-time-only Catholic sacraments you have received.
- 2) In an ecumenical marriage, a baptized non-Catholic is also asked to present a record of Baptism, if possible. This may be a church certificate or a personal affidavit.
- 3) A recently issued Confirmation certificate is requested for Catholics, *if this is not already included in the notations on your Catholic Baptismal certificate.*
- 4) The attendance certificate presented at the completion of your Pre-Marriage or Pre-Cana program is to be given to the priest to be kept on file with the other documents.
- 5) Two affidavits affirming each person’s freedom-to-marry *may be* required, in some cases. The consulting priest will advise you if this is needed.
- 6) A marriage license from Cook County, Illinois is required and is to be presented to the Old St. Mary’s Church priest (or visiting minister/presider) at the time of the rehearsal. For information on obtaining a marriage license, including locations and hours, see [Cook County’s marriage page](#) or phone 312.603.7790.
- 7) Because every couple is unique, there *may be* some cases where other documents are required. The consulting priest will assist you in this regard.