

PRE-MARRIAGE / MARRIAGE PREP. RESOURCES
Office of Family Ministry

BOOKS IN O.R.E.

FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study)

By: Archdiocese of Omaha

FOCCUS is a self-diagnostic instrument designed to help couples learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. It is not a test nor meant as a predictor of success or failure in marriage. It is a tool to help couples name and work through issues before marriage. **28P.ARCH**

Marriage Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Kingston

Guidelines for marriage in the Archdiocese of Kingston. **28P.ARCH**

Marriage and Family Preparation Program

By: Archdiocese of Vancouver

Contains: Couple Workbooks, Priest's Presentations and Presenting Couples' Outlines. **28P.ARCH**

Together In Christ

Canadian Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Witness, Novalis, 2000

This collection of denominational essays offers a tool to help pastors, couples preparing for marriage (particularly inter-church marriage), and their families to explore together the differences and common understandings of Christian marriage. **BOOK#: 28P.CCCC**

Together for Life: Marriage Outside Mass

Together for Life: Scripture

By: Joseph M. Champlin (Ave Maria Press)

The commentaries in Together for Life were written by people who, like you, are in love. Since the nuptial ceremony centers around the two of you, it is only natural for you both to participate actively in the service and to plan the details. This book includes all of the authorized readings, prayers, prefaces and blessings as well as some comments that should prove of interest to a man and a woman about to marry. **28P.CHAM**

Should We Marry?

By: Joseph M. Champlin (Ave Maria Press, 2001)

Everyone wants to find the right person and live happily ever after. But how do you know if your relationship is the real thing? And how do you make it last? Fr. Champlin offers the wisdom of his experience to couples who are asking some very important questions. **28P.CHAM**

Your Future Together (A Companion to the Together For Life Video Program - 14.771)

By: Father Joseph M. Champlin (Tabor Publishing)

The process of preparing your wedding is also a process of preparing your married life together. The material in this guide will help you carry out the recommendations mentioned in the videocassette and apply them to your life as a couple. **28P.CHAM**

Only Love Can Make It Easy

By: B. Coleman (Twenty-Third Publications)

Contains: Workbook for Couples and Counsellor's Guide. **28P.COLE**

Day-By-Day

By: John & Kathleen Colligan (Paulist Press)

A practical guide to help engaged couples and those newly married to work through the possible problems in a relationship and to grow in love and understanding of one another. The authors offer questions and written exercises to help the couple discover more and more about themselves. **28P.COLL**

Evenings for the Engaged

By: Jim and Paula DAHL (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

Evenings for the Engaged allows couples preparing for marriage to respond fully and personally to God's call to Catholic marriage. The Program presents the beauty and dignity of the sacrament of matrimony as a sign of Christ's love for the Church. It stresses the importance of marriage as a covenant of love and fidelity for life according to the teaching of Christ and the Church. **28P.DAHL** Contains: Leader's Guide and Couple Paks

Yes I Can: Being a Marriage Preparation Facilitator

Mona-Lee Feehan & Martin Rovers

Novalis, 2006

This book gives you the tools you need to be a confident marriage preparation facilitator. Topics include: time commitment; group dynamics; stages in the life of a marriage; leadership styles; how adults learn; spirituality in a couple's life together inspiring and loving life-long relationships. **28P.FEEH**

Saying I Do Facilitator's Guide

Mona-Lee Feehan

Novalis, 2006

Whether you are a veteran facilitator of marriage preparation or a first-timer, this book will guide you through the program. It employs a step-by-step approach to help you direct the sessions with confidence. All sessions follow the same structure for ease of facilitating. Includes instructional materials, exercises, sure-fire discussion starters, and more. Provides clear explanations on how to prepare for each session, lists any supplies that may be needed, and includes session outcomes. **28P.FEEH**

Saying I Do Couple's Book. 28P.NOVA

Getting Married - Living Together

By: Anthony Garascia

This is a resource for couples who are already living together, indeed for any engaged couple who comes to the church for marriage, to hear another perspective on this issue and learn from it. **28P.GARA**

The First Two Years of Marriage

By: Kathleen & Thomas Hart (Paulist Press)

This is a clear, insightful and practical commentary on the challenges young married couples must respond to if they are to succeed in marriage today. **28P.HART**

A Decision to Love - Marriage Preparation Program

By: John and Susan Midgley

You will find within these pages a comprehensive handbook for marriage preparation. A Decision to love offers the guidance and groundwork necessary to assist you in evaluating your readiness to make a permanent life commitment. **28P.MIDG** Contains: Leader's Guide and Couple's Book

A Guide to Catholic Marriage

By: C. Mihanovich

All who are married, who hope to marry, and who are preparing themselves for marriage will find in these pages practically everything that man, religion and science know about marriage and family life. The book is written in language that is easily read and understood. It is practical and useful in that it covers, among many others, such important topics, questions and problems as: Selection of a mate; The qualifications of

a good husband and wife; Avoidance of family conflicts; The crises faced by the family and how to meet these crises; Legal problems involved in marriage, etc. **28P.MIHA**

Faithful to Each Other Forever

By: National Conference of Catholic Bishops

This handbook has been designed for those directly or indirectly involved in marriage preparation work. It is written in a readable style, with abundant illustrations and stories, to facilitate practical use in religion classes and pre-Cana conferences as well as in personal counselling and couple interviews. It is written in response to the call of the Church and to the concerns of contemporary couples. **28P.NCCB**

Also available: **Our Future Together**: An excerpt from Faithful to Each Other Forever.

Saying I Do

Facilitator's Guide

Couple's Book

Saying I Do can be used for weekend programs, weekly sessions, individual couple mentoring, and correspondence /e-learning. The program addresses questions such as living together before marriage and interfaith/ interchurch marriages; offers guidance on communication, finances, conflict resolution, sexuality, intimacy, family and spirituality; provides practical exercises and abundant opportunities for couple and group discussion; has an easy-to-use Facilitator's Guide to provide volunteer facilitators with all the tools for success and allows individual to reconnect with their faith tradition. **28P.NOVA**

Celebrating Our Love

Novalis, 2006

Liturgical resources for preparing and celebrating marriage.

Preparing for a wedding is a busy and exciting time. Be sure to take time to plan your wedding liturgy. This is a practical guide to the various parts of the liturgy that will help you choose the readings, music and prayers that best reflect you and the love you share. **28P.NOVA**

Prepare Enrich: Counsellor's Manual

By: D. Olson (Enrich Canada Inc.)

Contains: Relationship inventories for use in premarital preparation and marriage enrichment. **28P.OLSO**

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts

By: Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott (Zondervan Publishing House)

This book is a comprehensive marriage preparation program specifically designed for today's couples. Whether you're contemplating marriage, engaged or newly married, Les & Leslie will lead you through the thorniest spots in establishing a relationship. You'll learn how to uncover and deal with problems before they emerge. You'll discover how to communicate, not just talk. Questions at the end of every chapter help you explore each topic personally. **28P.PARR**

7 Secrets of a Healthy Dating Relationship

By: Les Parrott III

Choosing whom to date - and ultimately finding true love - is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. It can be done by impulse, driven by misinformation from others. Or it can be done through a thoughtful process, guided by proven principles. This book will help you do just that. This book is for anyone interested in building close relationships. Whether you're looking for someone to date, already in a relationship, or even considering marriage, this book reveals seven powerful ways for both becoming and finding people with whom you can build healthy relationships.

28P.PARR

I Give You Me Marriage Course

By: N. Prieur

Introduction booklet and guide for implementation. A program of good news for married love. **28P.PRIE**

Married in the Lord

By: Michael Prieur (Liturgical Commission, Diocese of London, 1976)

This book is for priests, marriage counsellors, and anyone involved in preparing couples for a marriage officially recognized by the Catholic Church. Each section sets out some of the basic themes or issues that give a solid basis for understanding Christian marriage. Question and answer sections aim to break down the materials into more easily digestible sections. **28P.PRIE**

Reflections on Marriage

By: Rev. William Steinhouser & Laurie Boyce (The Cana Conference of Chicago, 1984)

This book is a reflection on what marriage is, has been and could be. **28P.STEI**

A Marriage in the Lord/Leader's Guide (Revised)

By: B. Steinhouser

This program is a catalyst for a couple's reflection and communication, as well as a resource for their current and future use. It is designed around a three-step process of learning which fits easily into most marriage prep programs. **28P.STEI**

A Ministry to Marriage Program (Revised)

By: W. Steinhouser

This book includes: A Leader's Guide to A Marriage in the Lord; A Complete Parish Marriage Preparation Program Outline; A Sample Diocesan and/or Parish Marriage Preparation Policy; A Diocesan Preparation Outline for One-Day and Two-Day PreCanas; and much more! **28P.STEI**

When Catholics Marry Again: A Guide for the Divorced, Their Families and Those Who Minister to Them

By: G. Twomey

A clear, concise, practical guide for Catholics who want to remarry and are concerned about their relationship to the Church. The book explores the emotional, psychological and spiritual issues and concerns affecting Catholics as they contemplate and enter into second marriages. **28P.TWOM**

To Trust Again/Remarriage Preparation Program

By: William F. Urbine (ACTA Publications)

To Trust Again is a program for engaged couples of whom one or both partners have experienced a prior marriage or marriages which ended through the death of a spouse or through divorce and/or annulment. If you are in this situation, you already realize that you bring much pain and hurt, as well as wisdom and hope, to your new relationship. Learning to trust again in an intimate relationship of love presents an entirely different set of obstacles and opportunities from those experienced by never-married couples. **28P.URBI**
Contains: Couple's Workbook and Leader's Guide

When A Couple Marries: Leader's Guide/Workbooks

28P.VARI

Mosaic (Couple's Books) (Novalis Publishing)

Sexual Intimacy - it is essential that a couple grow to know each other in all areas of self-expression; to love and accept each other in the tasks which draw them together, and in those which show their gifts and talents as individuals.

Exploring Backgrounds - each person is a unique individual with a personal as well as a family history.

it is extremely important that you explore what it is that makes your future partner so unique and special.

Creating a Family - examine the life-giving process of childbirth; emphasize the positive joy of bringing a child to share in the adventure of your lives as two unique and gifted persons. There are many areas that you must explore together before you can, thoughtfully and joyfully, bring another human person to life.

Creating a Home - in an economic-based society, the home is viewed as the basic economic unit. We should seek to establish, within our personal situation, a very concrete expression of the value we give to home and family living.

Marriage, A Covenant **28P.VARI**

Christian Marriage: A Sacrament of Love

By: Ronald Wilkins and Mary Gryczka (Wm. C. Brown Company Publishers)

This program presents a Catholic interpretation of marriage, human love and sex. Starting from the basic premises about marriage, love, and human sexuality that most people acknowledge, Catholics interpret love, sex, and marriage from a religious standpoint. They believe that each one of these realities individually and all together flow from the dynamics of God's creative acts and design and that they have a religious meaning, purpose and goal. Christian Marriage is written for young people in search of an understanding of the Catholic Church's interpretation of the meaning of love, sex and marriage in the life of a Christian.

28P.WILK

Hidden Keys of A Loving Lasting Marriage

By: Gary Smalley (Zondervan)

This book explores two reasons why marriage fail; how to meet the needs of your spouse; how a husband's lack of affection weakens a marriage; crucial differences between men and women; how to motivate your spouse to listen to you. Good marriages don't just happen. They take both husband and wife working together to understand, appreciate, and honour one another. This book shows couples how to do just that.

28P.SMAL

VIDEOS IN O.R.E.

THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF MARRIAGE

PUBLISHED: Paulist Press (1984)

SPEAKER: Thomas Hart & Kathleen Fischer

This video offers practical advice for young couples on how to build a life together. Based on the best-selling book of the same title, the authors show couples how their relationship can improve and grow in love by understanding the basic truths that make a marriage work. The program contains three twenty-minute segments:

- 1) Expectations & Communications
- 2) Intimacy & Autonomy
- 3) Christian Loving

Each segment contains scenes by professional actors portraying the struggles and joys of the newly married.
1 hr. **VID#:** 14.600

THE CHANGING CHURCH: TODAY'S CATHOLIC MARRIAGE

PUBLISHED: Sheed & Ward (1988)

This video focuses on overcoming obstacles in preserving a marriage as well as modern marriage preparation. An educational approach for group purposes. 30 min. **VID#:**14.601

MARRIAGE: A CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE

PUBLISHED: Franciscan Communications

SPEAKER: Dr. Dale Olen

A unique four part program dealing with four of the most important dimensions of marriage:

- 1) Communication
- 2) Conflict
- 3) Sexuality
- 4) Friendship

Designed for viewing by husbands and wives or engaged couples, this video uses a combination of lecture and dramatized situations to stimulate discussion. **GUIDE.** 2 hrs. **VID#:** 14.602

WE WANT TO GET MARRIED

PUBLISHED: Tabor Publishing (1989)

SPEAKER: Rev. Joseph Champlin

Marriage Preparation: This video, while emphasizing the beautiful nature of marriage, also raises tough questions about the future. It also raises the often delicate and difficult questions about church attendance, personal faith, and the readiness of the couple. **GUIDE.** 27 min. **VID#:** 14.603

YOUR MARRIAGE

PUBLISHED: Liguori Publications (1989)

SPEAKER: Judy & Chuck Neff

A series of four video tapes:

- 1) As Christ Loves the Church - deals with friends and interests, the extended family and sacramentality
- 2) Two Becoming as One - deals with personality match, personal issues, communication and problem solving
- 3) Can Love Conquer All? - addresses the issues of readiness, sexuality, family finances and parenting
- 4) Areas of Special Concern - examines issues such as cohabitation, religion and values, interfaith

marriages and second marriages

GUIDE. 2½ hrs **VID#:** 14.604-1 - 14.604-4

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

PUBLISHED: Daughters of St. Paul, 1995

An excellent practical preparation for couples getting ready to say, "I DO."

1 - Getting to Know You

In the first part, Father Miles, a marriage counsellor for over twenty years, raises thought-provoking questions on such issues as: marriage expectations, children, religion, sexuality, and the sacrament itself, to help the couple get to know each other on a deeper level. A questionnaire is included so that the couple can sit down and discuss their answers to the questions after viewing the program.

2 - I Do! I Do! for Heaven's Sake

In the second part, Father Miles gives practical advice to guide the couple from the engagement to the wedding reception. Focussing on the wedding ceremony itself, Fr. Miles explains how to make it a sacred family event for everyone involved. An outline for a wedding planner is included.

GUIDE. Two ½ hr. programs **VID#:** 14.605

TOGETHER FOR LIFE

PUBLISHED: Tabor Publishing

The primary audience for *Together for Life* is the engaged couple preparing for marriage in co-operation with a parish priest, deacon, or pastoral minister. The detailed suggestions in this guide have been created with that situation in mind. Nevertheless, this videocassette can also be used effectively in Catholic school religion courses on the sacrament of matrimony, adult religious education, and in any of the various marriage preparation programs that are available in every diocese.

Segment 1: Prayerfully Preparing for a Day and for Life (31 min)

Segment 2: Your Future Together: love, communication, intimacy, parenting, relatives and friends, finances, church support, interfaith marriages, forgiveness, faith (46 min)

Segment 3: Tips for Designing Your Wedding Celebration (22 min)

GUIDE. 1 hr/40 min **VID#:** 14.606

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS by Gary Smalley

Today's Family, 1998

As advertised on television, over 700,000 homes and churches have watched this award winning series. "Hidden Keys" covers 18 topics on building relationships taught by Gary Smalley - each about 50 minutes in length. This series has no biblical references. Many churches and families have used the series as an outreach tool to attract the unchurched or seeker audiences. Approx. 50 min. each **VID#:** 14.000-14.017

HOMES OF HONOR - RELATIONSHIP SERIES - Gary Smalley

Today's Family, 1998

This nine-session video series has been recorded from live presentations of the Love Is A Decision seminar taught by Gary Smalley. Presented in over 60 major cities and seen by over 200,000 people, this small group study is designed to present practical and Biblical principles in order to enrich any relationship, whether you are married or single. Each session is followed by powerful discussion questions and assignments. **GUIDE.** Approx. 40 min. each **VID#:** 14.607

SEX: FACTS, FIGURES & FALLACIES

Bev Hadland addressed couples on Sex, Birth Control and advantages of waiting until the Wedding day. 58 min. **VID#:** 14.608

ENRICH CANADA INC.

Premarital Personal and Relationship Evaluation program. **GUIDE. VID#: 14.612**

INTERFAITH MARRIAGE

PUBLISHER: Don Bosco Multimedia (1987)

What difficulties does an interfaith marriage face? How can couples in such a marriage achieve happiness? This presentation includes interviews with married couples. 30 min. **VID#: 14.613**

TO LAST A LIFETIME

PUBLISHED: USCC

Although statistics show that first marriages in the U.S. face a high risk of divorce, most Americans still say “I do” at least once in their lifetimes. Through the experiences of four couples, To Last a Lifetime examines the challenge of making a marriage work in spite of the odds and shows how faith-based marriage preparation, marriage mentoring and marriage mending are helping couples to grow in love and understanding for each other. Featured in the program are an engaged couple preparing for their big day, a newly married couple adjusting to their life together, a couple who is working to strengthen their relationship, and another married 36 years who use their experience to help others build marriages that will last a lifetime. 58 min. **VID#: 14.614**

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING LITURGY

St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000

This video gives couples a firm foundation for planning their wedding liturgy so that it will be celebrated and remembered as a visible sign of God’s faithful love. **GUIDE. 31 min. VID#: 14.615**

FOCCUS: Instrument for Marriage Prep. Couples

A workshop by Sr. Barbara Markey

VID#: 14.616

PREPARING CO-HABITING COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE

Barbara Markey

This video provides leadership teams, mentor couples and pastors with background information in order to better understand persons who co-habit before marriage, and the issues and risk factors they face. The video reviews, summarizes and analyses current research. It provides content that needs to be integrated into all marriage prep processes: inventories, presentations, written program material. It gives FOCCUS facilitators an introduction to the new section of FOCCUS, the discussion material for co-habiting couples. Guide. 60 min. **VID#: 14.617**

UNITAS: PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

Crossroad Publishing

Based on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, *Unitas* is a process of marriage formation designed to help couples develop the skills needed for a healthy, holy marriage.

Tape 1: The Theology of Marriage (17.02)
Communication Skills (22.01)

Tape 2: Individual and Family of Origin (20.10)
Values in Marriage (20.20)

Tape 3: Intimacy and Sexuality (19.18)
Balancing Practical Issues in Relationship (19.04)

Developing a Spirituality of Marriage (22.52)
Couple's Workbook and Leader's Guide. **VID#: 14.618-1-3**

GROWING TOGETHER

PUBLISHER: Paraclete Video Productions

Whether newly married or celebrating a fiftieth wedding anniversary, couples often question whether their relationship is strong, lasting and fulfilling. *Growing Together* gives a practical and thought-provoking perspective on marriage. Through sharing honestly from his own marital journey, Walter Wangerin, Jr. enlightens and challenges married couples and gives them ways to achieve a relationship that grows and lasts. 75 min. **VID#: 14.619**

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Dr. Kathleen Chesto

Twenty-Third Publications

Dr. Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of each sacrament, starting from biblical times to post-Vatican II. Chesto offers an engaging presentation in language that is comprehensible and clear. Guide materials and the video presentation present Catholic adults with a better understanding of the valuable place of these sacraments in their lives today. 26 min. **VID#: 14.620**

TO LOVE LIKE THE MASTER: A Marriage Preparation & Enrichment Series

with Reverent Erik Riechers, SAC

Diocese of Saskatoon, 2004

Video 1 Session 1- Marriage as Vocation (35 min)

Session 2 - Marriage as Sacrament (43 min)

VID#: 14.621-1

Video 2 Session 3 - Three Lessons for the Spirituality of Married Life (43 min)

Session 4 - Three More Lessons for the Spirituality of Married Life (54 min)

Session 5 - Fr. Erik in dialogue with the couples (35 min)

VID#: 14.621-2

BOOKS FROM THE LITURGY OFFICE

One in Christ - The Wedding Mass With Music (Second Edition)

AUTHOR: ICEL and various composers **PUBLISHER:** World Library Pub.
An early (1970) sample of the Marriage Rite, Nuptial Blessing and appropriate Music for the celebration of Marriage at a Eucharist. **LENGTH:** 49 page booklet **BOOK #** 10.019

Celebrating our Love

AUTHOR: Jerome Herauf and William E. O'Meara (Ed) **PUBLISHER:** Novalis
This booklet offers the texts for the liturgy of marriage. It also includes instruction to help in the preparations. The texts presented can be a continuing inspiration after the wedding. A newer version is available from Novalis. (1980) **LENGTH:** 88 page booklet **ISBN: 2-89088-032-X BOOK #** 10.020 (cf. 11.043)

Celebrating our Love for Preparing and Celebrating Marriage

AUTHOR: Jerome Herauf, ed. **PUBLISHER:** CCCB./Novalis
This booklet offers to couples planning their wedding, various options and texts as well as suggestions for the music at their wedding. (1987) (cf. ORE's newer version of this booklet) **LENGTH:** 88 paged booklet **ISBN: 2-89088-032-X BOOK #** 10.020

Interchurch Marriages

National Anglican-Roman Catholic Bishops' Dialogue **PUBLISHER:** CCCB Publications
These Pastoral Guidelines for interchurch marriage between Anglicans and Roman Catholics in Canada have been accepted and are offered by both bodies. Differences of religious background in a marriage can be either a source of tension or an opportunity for growth in the unity to which the Church is called. **LENGTH:** 38 pages **ISBN: 0-88997-175-7 BOOK #** 10.043 (2 copies)

10.044 Marriage Ritual: Roman Ritual and Pastoral Notes (on loan)

Prayerbook for Engaged Couples

AUTHOR: Austin Fleming **PUBLISHER:** Lit. Training Pub.
This book suggests that couples pray together as well as individually. It suggests that in addition to their own words of prayer, they pray and reflect on words that come directly from the wedding liturgy. One by one and all together, they are about the "better and the worse, the richer and the poorer, the death do us part". They might help couples talk about things that easily get swept aside in the details of planning your wedding. They might build a foundation for prayer and serious conversation together after marriage. **LENGTH:** 85 pages **ISBN: 0-929650-23-9 BOOK #** 10.048

Together for Life

AUTHOR: Joseph M. Champlin **PUBLISHER:** Ave Maria Press
This workbook for engaged couples takes them step-by-step through their wedding preparation. It includes prayers, Scripture Readings, suggestions for Music, environment and the Ministers as well as appendices on the Importance and Dignity of Matrimony and also on Interreligious Marriages. (1970) (c.f. ORE video #14.771) **LENGTH:** 96 pages **BOOK #** 11.042 A

Together for Life (Edition for Marriage outside Mass)

AUTHOR: Joseph M. Champlin **PUBLISHER:** Ave Maria Press
This workbook for engaged couples takes them step-by-step through their wedding preparation. It includes

prayers, Scripture Readings, suggestions for Music, the Environment and the Ministers; as well as a Rite for Celebrating Marriage between a Catholic and an Unbaptized Person. Appendices on the Importance and Dignity of Matrimony, and also on Interreligious Marriages are also included. (1970)(cf. ORE video #14.771)
LENGTH: 96 pages **BOOK #** 11.042 B

Celebrating Our Love and a Collection of various materials on Marriage

AUTHORS: various **PUBLISHERS:** Novalis et al
Articles on Marriage Preparation: Realistic Expectations (Don Neumann); The Perfect Wedding (Karl Raab); Marriage in the Church (OLC); 1986 Marriage Guidelines (Kingston Archdiocese); Outline of Liturgical Principles for Weddings (workshop); Music Planning for your Wedding (Diocese of Brooklyn 1977); Music at Your Wedding (National Liturgy Service, CCCB); For Love and For Life (Fertility Management and Billings Method of Responsible Family Planning–Knights of Columbus) **BOOK / Folder # 11.043**

Celebrating Marriage: Preparing the Wedding Liturgy

AUTHOR: Paul Covino, ed. **PUBLISHER:** The Pastoral Press
This workbook for engaged couples takes them step-by-step through their wedding preparation. It includes prayers, Scripture Readings, suggestions for Music, environment and the Ministers. Special sections discuss wedding celebrations between Roman Catholics and persons of other traditions. (1987) **LENGTH:** 131 pages **ISBN: 0-912405-34-1 BOOK #** 11.044

Sacrament of Marriage Guidelines -- Diocese of Lacrosse, WI

AUTHOR: Office of Sacred Worship **PUBLISHER:** Diocese of Lacrosse
These guidelines for engaged couples include a faith profile and assessment, as well as suggestion for planning a Liturgical Celebration of Faith, The Order of the Wedding Liturgy. Also included are various practical appendices. (1987) **LENGTH:** 22 pages **BOOK #** 11.045

Guidelines for Wedding liturgies: A Resource for Couples and Presiders

AUTHOR: Archdiocese of Toronto
Designed to be a practical source of information for those who are planning marriage in the Catholic Church. It provides an introduction to the wedding liturgy and presents some basic guidelines that reflect current liturgical practice. **BOOK#** 11.057

Parish Weddings

AUTHOR: Austin Fleming **PUBLISHER:** Liturgy Training Pub.
Father Fleming deals with the details of good wedding liturgy, but only after giving them a vital context in the parish's overall commitment to worthy celebration of the liturgy. He knows the problems and he knows how to confront and resolve them. The final sections of the book centre on creating and using a workable parish policy on weddings. (1987). **LENGTH:** 55 pages **ISBN: 0-930467-66-3 BOOK #** 11.070

Planning a Christian Wedding

AUTHOR: Don Talafous, OSB **PUBLISHER:** Liturgical Press
This little booklet provides competent, capable guidance that can result in a meaningful wedding ceremony. Father Talafous examines the values to be considered in choosing available options and describes guidelines that can ensure a religious ceremony while not negating personal wishes of the wedding couple. (1985)
LENGTH: 34 paged booklet **ISBN: 0-8146-1497-8 BOOK #** 11.076

When Christians Marry

AUTHOR: Nat. Office of Religious Education **PUBLISHER:** NCCB
A booklet designed to help the couple come to better understanding of the Liturgy of Marriage. Not only are

guidelines given but also questions for the couple to reflect on before they make their final decisions. (1975)
LENGTH: 7 paged booklet **BOOK #** 11.077

A Marriage Sourcebook

AUTHOR: Robert J. Baker

PUBLISHER: Liturgy Train. Public.

One of a set of *Sourcebooks*, anthologies of prose and poetry, hymns and prayers from various times and traditions, all centred on a particular theme from the seasons of the church year to the foundational moments in the life of a Christian. Each collection offers a treasury of wisdom for use in homilies, prayer services and personal meditation. Themes for this *Sourcebook* include Man and Woman, in good times and bad, one flesh, gift of married love, life in common, joys and sorrows, one in love and peace, forgiveness, a sign of Christ's love, the gift and heritage of children, love and concern for others, aging and death. **LENGTH:** 160 pages
ISBN: 1-56854-039-6 **BOOK #** 11.099

Wedding Music/Liturgy Guidelines (Extensive suggestions for Music and its Publishers)

AUTHOR: Diocesan Office

PUBLISHER: Diocese of Scranton

The preparation of a couple's wedding serves as a teachable moment. It is important that the music used reflect our Catholic vision of the sacrament of marriage, and the musician in guiding the choice of appropriate music can help the couple experience in a new way that vision which is part of the marriage preparation. (1995) **LENGTH:** 30 pages **BOOK #** 11.108

Celebrating Weddings (Brief Guidelines on ceremonies, music, ecumenical concerns)

AUTHOR: Diocesan Office

PUBLISHER: Diocese of Marquette

This small booklet/leaflet would be helpful to a parish wishing to set up guidelines for the celebration of weddings in the parish. Restrictions on photograph and confetti included. (1990) **LENGTH:** 9 paged booklet **BOOK #** 11.109

VIDEOS FROM THE LITURGY OFFICE

The Celebration of Marriage (Video and Planning Guide)

This video gives pointers to engaged couples on how to wisely choose options that are provided in the Rite of Marriage, such as the selection of prayers and Scripture readings, ministers for the liturgy, music. It urges a spirit of simplicity in the rite, while encouraging the laity to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, servers, etc. Guide. **11.716**

Preparing the Wedding Ceremony

This video gives pointers to engaged couples on how to wisely choose options that are provided in the Rite of Marriage, such as the selection of prayers and Scripture readings, ministers for the liturgy and music. It urges a spirit of simplicity in the rite, while encouraging the laity to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, servers, etc. In the video a recently married couple in a conversation with friends discusses how to implement options in the wedding ceremony by working with the parish clergy and music director. Couples should view *Preparing the Wedding Ceremony* before beginning the liturgical preparation for their wedding. **11.723**

Our Catholic Wedding

How can your wedding liturgy be the glorious centre of your wedding day? What might this celebration look like? What can happen when a couple becomes actively involved in preparing the wedding liturgy? What are the choices you have in making your Catholic wedding truly yours and truly Catholic? What can the opening procession be? The vows and rings? The music and songs? On this video you will see a beautiful celebration

of the rite of marriage. You will hear how a bride, groom, family and friends make the liturgy a celebration, the high point of the wedding day. The presenters and two couples, their parents and parish musicians offer their insights on the rite of marriage. Engaged couples and everyone who prepares the wedding liturgy can use this video to understand the rite of marriage in a fuller way. **11.742**