

## MOSHC Website Edit for Sacrament of Marriage tab:

Marriage is a sacrament instituted by God. It is an unconditional covenant "until death do us part" entered into between a man and a woman. The purpose of the sacrament is the good and happiness of the spouses and for the procreation and education of children. In order for the sacrament to be celebrated validly, it needs to be entered into by a couple who are free to be married in the eyes of the Church. The couple must have the right disposition and commitment. Anyone who has been in a previous marriage is not free to be married in the Church, unless there has been an annulment obtained through the Tribunal of the Diocese, which has jurisdiction in the matter. This applies to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The appropriate location of a wedding, as a general rule, is the church at which the bride is a registered parishioner, if she is Catholic. If the bride is not Catholic, then the wedding is appropriately celebrated at the church of the bridegroom.

Catholics who wish to be married at Our Mother of Sorrows or Holy Cross are expected to be practicing their faith by attending Holy Mass on a routine basis.

Preparation for marriage includes Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter. Couples who have been previously married will be referred to Remarriage Preparation with a mentoring couple. Couples will first be asked to complete a FULLY ENGAGED inventory. Pre-Cana, or their alternatives, should be completed by a couple at least six months before the wedding date.

To book a wedding date with either of our churches, the couple must reach out to the parish office to set up a meeting with the designated clergy member to determine sacramental disposition: Deacon Joseph Placious for HC or Father Justin Miller for OMOS. The wedding coordinator for the designated churches will assist you with your wedding day and rehearsal and any other needs and will be present to make sure everything goes as planned.

It is recommended to review thoroughly the Wedding Guidelines for Our Mother of Sorrows and Holy Cross Churches. This document contains important information such as the process of sacramental preparation, rules and expectations for the wedding ceremony such as photography, ceremony times, fees, and more. The celebration of a wedding is not only a special occasion for the bride and groom

and their family and friends but is in fact part of the worship life of our parish community and the entire Church.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

All inquiries about marriage should be made to the Parish Office at 585-663-5432, or [moshc@dor.org](mailto:moshc@dor.org)