



# ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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## Requirements for Admission to A Pre-Nuptial Enquiry: Marriage Registration

1. At least one of the parties should be a Catholic (**proof: Baptismal Card**)
2. At least one of the parties should be a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish (**proof: 1% Contribution Blue Card**)
3. The Catholic party should produce a recently issued Baptismal Card (**issued within last 6 months**)
4. If the Catholic party is not a registered member of St Mary's Cathedral Parish, he/she produce a letter of freedom to marry from his/her Parish Priest (Pastor). It should also be categorically stated that we are permitted to process the documents and celebrate the Marriage.
5. The non - Catholic party (if baptized **ELCIN**) should produce: **Certificate of Marriage Consent, Certificate of Baptism and Certificate of Membership** from his/her respective Pastor.
6. The non - Catholic party (if baptized **ANGLICAN**) should produce: **Baptismal Card and letter of freedom to marry** from his/her respective Pastor.
7. Both parties should produce their national documents (**ID or Passports**)
8. In case a widow/widower, a **death certificate** and **copy of marriage** certificate of previous marriage should be produced.
9. Both parties are obliged to attend a Pre-Marriage Course offered in Dobra
10. If Marriage is proposed to take place in a non -Catholic Church, a Dispensation letter from the Bishop is need (Dispensation from Canonical Form)
11. Therefore, the first option is to get married in the Catholic Church
12. If one of the parties is unbaptized, a Dispensation letter from the Bishop is required, even if the Marriage is to take place in the Catholic Church (Dispensation of Disparity of Cult)
13. If you are intending to get married with **ANTENUPTIAL CONTRACT (ANC)** a copy of the whole document is required from an attorney.
14. Witnesses to the Marriage for the Catholic party should be Catholic
15. If Witnesses are not registered members of St Mary's Cathedral, he/she produce letter of permission to stand as witness from his/her Parish Priest (Pastor)

**NB: The option of a wedding taking place at lodge, ship, beach, hall, farm....etc is out of question and HIGHLY DISCOURAGED.**

**Make certified copies by police of every required document presented.**

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