

DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS TO PROCESS INTERDIOCESAN & FOREIGN WEDDING FILES

The transmission of wedding files is as follows: Parish of preparation ➔ Diocese of San Diego ➔ Diocese of destination wedding ➔ Parish of wedding

A. For all wedding files - first time getting married

- 1) Prenuptial examination form completely filled out and signed
 - a) For Catholic and non-Catholic weddings make sure to fill out the declaration and promises section
- 2) Baptismal certificates **with parish seal** (issued within the last 6 months)*
 - a) **if a party is baptized non-Catholic, need baptismal letter from pastor (Reminder: Dispensation for Mixed Religion)**
 - b) **if a party is non-baptized, Dispensation for Disparity of Cult**
 - c) **affidavit when a baptismal record cannot be furnished with seal** (if parents deceased, next of kin who was at baptism)
- 3) Confirmation & First Eucharist certificates **with parish seal** (copy of original is acceptable)
- 4) Pre-Canva or other Marriage Preparation certificate **original**
- 5) Engaged encounter certificate **original**
- 6) Affidavit of freedom to marry: **two** for bride's parents & **two** for groom's parents **with parish seal** where testimony was taken (if parents deceased, next of kin, acquaintance must know parties over 5 years)
- 7) Civil marriage license (if already civilly married)
- 8) Permission from the bride's & groom's parish priest

B. For widows & widowers:

1. All of the requirements for "A"
2. Death certificate of former spouse
3. Awareness and preparation for re-marriage certificate **original**

C. For previously divorced

1. All of the requirements for "A"
2. Awareness and preparation for re-marriage certificate **original**
3. Decree of nullity from diocesan tribunal or
4. Declaration of freedom to marry (Previous Lack of Canonical Form Civil Marriage)

D. For weddings outside the Diocese of San Diego within the USA:

if file is not complete some dioceses will return marriage file.

1. All of the requirements for "A" **if applicable B-C**
2. **Emails** of bride, groom, person preparing couple for marriage
3. Diocese name where wedding is taking place, Diocesan contact person, diocesan email
4. Church name of wedding place, contact person, mailing address, email of church where wedding is taking place

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ALL wedding files will be shipped via FedEx

1. All of the requirements for "A" & "D" (B-C if applicable)
2. Copy of passport for bride and groom
3. Copy of birth certificate for bride and groom
4. Highly recommended a civil marriage license copy
5. \$75.00 check or money order payable to "Diocese of San Diego" for the FedEx shipping fee for international weddings (Archdiocese of Tijuana, B.C., Mexico and Diocese of Mexicali, B.C., Mexico are excluded-no shipping fee)
6. For "padrinos de velación" please include their church marriage certificate

F. For celebrant who is coming from another diocese to officiate at wedding

1. Copy of Letter of good standing from his bishop or religious superior
2. Email of celebrant