

The Wedding Preparation - Foccus

- This is an inventory of how one responds to certain feelings, thoughts, assumptions, actions, habits, behaviors, to situations etc.,
- **Foccus** has strong psychometric properties with high reliability, content, construct, and to a degree, some predictive validity.
- It is a comprehensive user friendly tool meant to help, induce, evoke, facilitate, support and sustain healthy vital communication between the couple with reference to various elements that factor in their relationship.
- It is not a test and therefore there should be no fear of failing or passing.

The Priest will arrange to work on the Inventory of FOCCUS. It usually requires about an hour to finish all those questions.

The parish office then sends these FOCCUS answer sheets to the Archdiocesan Office of Lay Ministry Formation in San Francisco for evaluation.

After the FOCCUS answer sheets are evaluated and returned to us (Parish Office, the place of origin), the Priest will invite the couple to proceed to the next step in the process which is,

1. to review the FOCCUS Inventory results together
2. to bring along your
 - a. Baptism certificates. The Baptism Certificates must be most recently issued from the Church of Baptism, within the last six months. Those issued at earlier date will not serve the purpose.
 - b. First Holy Communion Certificates and
 - c. Confirmation Certificates.
3. to bring along two witnesses, one for each person getting married. These persons are required to be adults and fully initiated in the Catholic Church and practicing Catholics,

If you have all the above from nos. 1 – 3 ready, then you would be given the next appointment for meeting to:

- review the Foccus results,
- fill in Form 'B' for your witnesses, and
- Form 'A' for you both of you desiring to get married.

But if for some reason you are not ready with Nos. 1-3, then you will be expected to say so and call the Priest for the next appointment when you have all those requirements taken care of.