

## First Appointment

Because every couple is unique, the Priest or Deacon will use this time to get to know you and answer any questions you may have. Then, he will begin creating your "Wedding File" which will contain the necessary paperwork mandated by the Archdiocese to be married in the Catholic Church.

### FOCUS Study Tool

*(Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study)*

The Priest or Deacon will either administer this in the office during your first appointment or he may have you take it home to complete. If you take it home, please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. We will enter the information from your bubble sheets into the computer and forward you a copy. The Priest or Deacon will go over it with you during your second appointment.

You will be able to set your wedding date and time during this appointment (*provided there are no special circumstances*). If there is a prior marriage, regardless of where it took place, no date can be set until final permission has been granted from a Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church. Also, if one of you is not Catholic, a Permission and Dispensation form will need to be completed and sent into the Archdiocese.

Saturday weddings can be scheduled for 10:30 am, 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm. Friday evenings are beginning to also be a popular time as well.

**At the end of your appointment, the Priest or Deacon will ask you to prepare for the second appointment by working on the following:**

FOCUS Study Tool (*if you didn't complete this in the office, please return it ASAP*)

Four Letters of Freedom (2 for each person - due at next appointment)

Obtain "newly issued" Baptismal Certificates (due at next appointment)

Engaged Encounter Retreat Brochure (sign up ASAP at [www.cceofla.org](http://www.cceofla.org))

Together For Life Booklet (begin looking this over and discussing)