

# St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COMMITMENT FORM



**(Couples are asked to read and sign this Commitment Form and return it to the Parish Office on or before your first appointment with our priest. Thank you very much!)**

At Saint Jude, our prayer for you is the same as that of Jesus for his disciples: “...*that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete.*” (John 15:11) With this in mind, please know that our priests, deacon, and entire parish staff commit ourselves to making this the best possible experience for you.

The commitment that is asked of you is simple; namely, that you take an earnest, faith-filled approach to the process. Specifically, you are asked to know, understand, and commit yourselves to the following:

- ✓ An ***openness in conversation*** when meeting with our parish priest
- ✓ An understanding of the ***Marriage Policies*** of our parish
- ✓ Awareness of the responsibility carried by our priest; namely, that ***your participation in the process, especially in conversation, should convey your readiness for marriage.*** Should the process reveal any issues of concern, you may be asked to seek additional support from a professional counselor, or in an extreme case, to postpone marriage. While this is an extremely rare occurrence, please know that the responsibility of attesting to your readiness for marriage rests on the priest or deacon with whom you are meeting throughout the process
- ✓ A commitment to regular attendance of Sunday Mass

This process can be very enjoyable and the components of it very helpful. It also offers the opportunity for you and our priest to get to know each other, thereby helping to prepare a more personal wedding celebration.

### **FOR THE COUPLE TO SIGN:**

We have read and are prepared to make a full commitment to this process of preparation:

Groom \_\_\_\_\_

Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_