

Catholic Church Requirements

Philippine Catholic wedding paperwork, in the order to start it.

Tip: a marriage license is valid for 120 days — don't get it too early.

9–12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Set the wedding date with the parish and reserve the church
- ☐ Ask the parish for their exact list of requirements
Every parish differs slightly — get theirs in writing
- ☐ Book the officiating priest

6–9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Request PSA CENOMAR for both partners
Certificate of No Marriage Record; 3–8 working days online
- ☐ Request baptismal certificate, annotated 'for marriage purposes'
Must usually be issued within the last 6 months
- ☐ Request confirmation certificate, same annotation
- ☐ Choose principal sponsors (ninong & ninang)
Ask early — they are also witnesses
- ☐ Book the Pre-Cana / marriage preparation seminar

3–4 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Attend Pre-Cana and keep the certificate
- ☐ Schedule the canonical interview with the parish priest
- ☐ Submit valid IDs and birth certificates of both partners
- ☐ Parental consent (18–20) or parental advice (21–24), if applicable

2–3 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Apply for the marriage license at the local civil registrar
10-day posting period before release
- ☐ Attend the LGU pre-marriage counselling seminar
- ☐ Release the marriage license
Valid 120 days nationwide
- ☐ Submit the license to the parish office

1 MONTH BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm marriage banns published for 3 consecutive Sundays
- ☐ Confirm the two civil witnesses and their IDs
- ☐ Final wedding rehearsal booking
- ☐ Confirm church fees, offerings and payment schedule

FEES & OFFERINGS TRACKER

Church / parish fee:

Priest's offering:

Catholic Church Requirements (cont.)

Documents (PSA, LCR, seminars):

Rehearsal / other:

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