

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GET MARRIED

For residence-visa holders who have been living in Abu Dhabi city and the areas served by the St. Joseph Parish for at least 3 months.¹ All others (e.g. visit visa holders), please email Parish Office.

1. Newly issued Baptism Certificate from the church of baptism

- i. Must be newly-issued original document (i.e. not copy) within 6 months to marriage date.
- ii. Must be written on the Baptism Certificate that there is no record of Marriage or similar (e.g. “For Marriage Purpose”, “No Entry of Marriage”, marriage column, etc.). **Otherwise, a letter from the church of baptism** that there is no record of marriage is also needed.

2. Confirmation certificate

Newly-issued certificate preferable. However, old copy or photocopy is acceptable. Not required if Confirmation date is written on the newly-issued Baptism Certificate

3. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) Certificate

4. Civil Freedom to Marry

- i. *If already civilly married:* **Civil Marriage Certificate** photocopy.
- ii. *Not civilly married:* original hard-copy document, within 6 months to marriage date.
 - a. **Filipinos:** PSA CENOMAR (DFA authentication/apostille required)
 - b. **Other nationalities:** a Certificate/Affidavit/Statement of singleness/no marriage/no impediment/ Free State or equivalent (issued by the concerned government or embassy or consulate). If embassy/consulate does not provide, or no embassy/consulate, please contact Parish Office.

5. Passport copy and valid visa copy

6. 2 Photographs (passport size)

7. *Previously married to someone else:* further process may be required. Please contact Parish Office with whatever applies:

- a. Death certificate of previous spouse
- b. Burial certificate of previous spouse (from church where funeral/burial took place)
- c. Civil Divorce/Annulment decree (a true copy)
- d. Church Annulment Certificate (original)

Note:

- i. Any document not in English may require an official translation.
- ii. Please make sure that information (e.g. names, date of birth) on church certificates matches information in civil documents (e.g. birth certificate, passport), to avoid any problems later with civil recognition of marriage certificate, or difficulties due to difference in information in identity documents/certificates.
- iii. Photocopies: should be clear and legible

¹ Those in Musaffah are served by St. Paul Catholic Church; in Al Ain by St. Mary Catholic Church; and in Ruwais, by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Kindly approach the parish that serves the area where you live.

Documents required for a non-Catholic who wishes to marry a Catholic

1. Certificate or Letter

- i. *If not baptized:* Birth Certificate. In case of not belonging to any religion, the Parish Office may demand also a certification that he/she is not baptized.
- ii. *If baptized:* Baptism Certificate/ Letter with details of baptism (old or newly issued)

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