



Marriage Policy

DECREE OF RE-PROMULGATION

Given the 12th day of January 2010
at the Catholic Center of the Diocese of Las Vegas

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See, I, Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Las Vegas Repromulgate the marriage policy of my predecessor the then reigning Bishop, Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, who promulgated the Common Policy for Pastoral Marriage Preparation July 25, 1999. I add the following directions for the good of the faithful and to remove scandal in accord with Canon 1063-§1 2, and 3.

1. If a couple who are non practicing Catholics are to be married, the Mass is not to be celebrated.
2. Couples living together need a dispensation from public propriety. In accord with Canons 1083-1094 a Mass is not to be celebrated.
3. In the case of a practicing Catholic who wishes to marry a baptized Non-Catholic we will continue the practice that has been in effect and that is; a Mass will not to be celebrated.
4. In the case of a practicing Catholic who wishes to marry a Non-Baptized person a Mass is not to be celebrated.
5. A Catholic party wishing to marry a Non-Baptized, Non-Catholic, Jew, L.D.S., Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Dispensation of Canonical Form and Place can be applied for through the Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas.
6. This application must be presented in writing with completed paperwork, including the exact place and physical address. Preparation must be completed six **months** prior to actual wedding date. If you are applying for Dispensation from Canonical Form the required time will differ from the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Policy currently in place.
7. If granted, it will be with the understanding that the wedding is not to be celebrated in a casino or on casino property and may never have Mass celebrated. It is the Bishop who will designate and delegate the celebrant of this wedding to be.
8. This decree takes effect as of January 12, 2010.