

A Celebration of Convalidation

SEEKING HOLY MATRIMONY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Couples married outside the Church seeking to convalidate their marriage in the Catholic tradition are invited to this celebration.

When: Sat. **February 14, 2026**, at 6:00 PM (World Marriage Week)

Where: Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, MA

Hosted by: Family Life Ministry

Celebrant: Bishop Cristiano Barbosa



Next steps: After registering, contact the parish where you attend Mass and discuss the process of convalidation. If you do not have a parish where you regularly worship, you can go to the nearest Catholic church. Contact us if you have any difficulty connecting with a parish.

For the priest or his delegate: We encourage a couple to consider convalidating their marriage at their parish yet provide this additional option. If you and the couple determine the Feb. 14th ceremony works best, please return all the relevant paperwork with the official parish seal and the appropriate signature, marriage envelope, civil marriage certificate, and any certificates of Baptism (**couples must provide the baptismal parish address, separately**) and/or Confirmation **by January 27, 2026** to:

Attn: Family Life/Convalidation Ceremony
Pastoral Center
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

Please do not send any marriage paperwork to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

While preparing the couples, use your discretion on whether it would be best for the couple to participate in a marriage preparation course (recommended for couples married fewer than two years) or a marriage enrichment program. We suggest the following:

- ☐ Visit our [website](#) for the *Transformed in Love* marriage preparation schedule of workshops. On-demand options are available if the dates listed do not work. Preparation in Spanish is also available.
- ☐ Marriage enrichment opportunities for those married for two or more years:
 - o [Catholic Couple CheckUp Inventory](#)
 - o [REFOCCUS Inventory](#)
 - o [Marriage Encounter](#) for virtual and in-person retreats

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