

# DIOCESE OF DALLAS

## Parish Registration - Right to the Sacraments



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Registration in the parish in which a person is domiciled is encouraged but not necessary in order for that person to discuss the receipt of sacraments, including the sacrament of matrimony, with the priest, deacon and/or lay minister. Unless the person is otherwise impeded, he/she has the right to arrange for a marriage in the parish where he/she is domiciled or in the parish where her/his registration has been accepted.

The establishment of certain time limits and criteria before discussing the receipt of sacraments should not be used to deny people their right to the sacraments; thus, parish registration for a person domiciled within the boundaries of a parish, although encouraged, is not a prerequisite for making an appointment with the cleric and/or lay minister in the parish to discuss the receipt of sacraments.

Likewise, if a parish accepts the registration of a person, whether or not he/she is domiciled within the parish boundaries, it is presumed that the parish then will assist the person to receive the sacraments. The pastor where the individual is registered may confer the sacraments without notice to the pastor where the individual actually is domiciled.