



# Marriage Preparation Lead Couple Observation Form

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Couple: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead Couple's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Message to Lead Couple:** The priest or deacon who will receive the vows from the couple you are preparing for marriage depends heavily on your collaboration in the preparation process. Your observations and input will be used by the priest/deacon to better prepare the couple for a successful married life. Please, carefully complete this form.

1. Did the couple miss any of the sessions? If so, which one(s) and why?

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2. What do you see as the strengths in this couple's relationship?

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3. Are there any apparent problem areas the couple needs to work on? Describe.

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4. How well does the couple communicate in terms of sharing their feelings, values and expectations with each other?

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5. Does the couple have realistic expectations of married life and its responsibilities?

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6. What evidence do you see that God & Church play a part in their relationship now and in the future?

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7. Does the couple seem sufficiently mature to marry? Why, or why not?

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8. As far as you know:

Yes    No    Don't Know

Does this couple plan to have children?

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Is pregnancy a factor in their marriage?

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Does the couple see marriage as a lifetime commitment?

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9. In summary, would you recommend that the Church witness the marriage of this couple at this time, or would you recommend further counseling before their marriage? If counseling, do you recommend with a priest \_\_\_\_\_; or counseling with a professional marriage counselor \_\_\_\_\_?

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