



Portrait Of A Bride

A bride is framed by the window of an old church. This photo won a special merit award for William Utech, Jr., of Topeka, Kansas, in the Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Awards competition.

Schools Try to Prepare

Schools, public and private realize that marriage preparation does not begin at the time a couple is about to marry.

The curricula for both the diocese and the state specify educating students for their roles in the married state.

In many diocesan secondary school programs, instructions in married life have been joined with a theology program to give students physical, mental, social and spiritual understanding of the Second Vatican Council's definition of marriage, "a union of life and love."

The result can be described as an elaborate pre-Cana program or Family Life program. The courses, required of juniors and seniors in diocesan high schools, are taught as a semester or trimester of theology. Topics discussed are much the same as at pre-Cana and the program involves both Church and lay resource persons.

Knowledge is not the only **WHO PAYS?**

So many details go into your wedding — and each one is important. Deciding who pays for each of them can be confusing. In general, unless the groom's family offers to help with the reception costs, the whole wedding ceremony is the responsibility of the bride's family.

objective of a family life program in the schools. The development of decision-making skills, clarification of values and attitudes are also important. Many times these goals are accomplished by presenting situations and forcing the student to make a decision that he not only can live with but also is in conformity with Church teaching.

For many of the students, this will be their last formal opportunity to collect, assimilate and clarify information they have collected dealing with marriage and family life.

One can only hope that students who complete such a course will develop a philosophy of life that is physically, biologically and theologically sound.

SOME HINTS

Plan ahead when buying furniture. Unless your first apartment or house is the one you intend to live in for several years, it may be more practical not to purchase expensive furnishings right away. Keep future plans in mind, and try to choose furniture you know you'll be able to use later on.

Do leave room in your budget for entertaining and evenings out. After all the work of setting up a new household, both you and your new husband deserve time to enjoy being married.

WEDDING COSTS

Inscribing your name or initials, and your wedding date on the inside of each ring is traditional and romantic.

To ensure their lasting 'til your golden anniversary, plan to spend about one week's salary for each band. Since price varies with the style and amount of work involved, there is no practical buying guide to use, but the salary guide just mentioned can be a starting point.

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together over your years of loving, the full joy that my Son came to reveal. Nothing is more important to me than that you love one another. So valuable and so precious is your special love for one another that my Son has made you one of the Sacraments of his Church. You in your unique union with one another are a sacred sign in your everyday life together of his caring, healing and life-giving presence in the Church. Wherever you are, whatever you say in tenderness to one another, whatever you do in loving union with one another brings Jesus in his Body, the Church, alive in all whom you touch. I have called you to love one another in his name."

May these words come true in your marriages.

Contact Photographer Early For Wedding Day Photos

Some are grand and extraordinarily expensive. Others are simple and modestly priced.

Whatever type of wedding you are planning, it deserves to be preserved in professional photographs. A bride must decide to economize on some things, but not on photographic coverage of this all-important occasion. For it is the photographs that will keep the day's events alive in years to come.

Kodak experts advise prospective brides to book a professional photographer as soon as the date is set, especially if she is getting married during the more popular bridal months — June, August or December.

Several weeks before the occasion the bride and groom to be should sit down with the photographer and plan the type of photos they'll want. Most ask for a formal bridal couple portrait, one of the bride alone, one of the bridal party and immediate families and several informal photographs of the wedding ceremony and reception.

Look at your photographer's portfolio of other wedding photos he's made and consider different styles you'd like. Wedding portraits can be formal, dramatic and romantic with special photographic effects and props; or they can be

informal, casual even candid, if you prefer.

If you are planning a budget wedding, check the photographer's package prices. It is best to have him photograph from start to finish for you'll never be able to recreate the event at a later date.

For a more complete set of wedding photographs, perhaps your relatives may wish to give you additional prints as wedding gifts. Your photographer has gift certificates for this purpose. And, you might wish to order additional prints later for your six-month's anniversary.

Furnish With Hand-Me-Downs

Chances are newlyweds will not be purchasing all their furniture before they settle in their first apartment. In fact they'll probably be filling in with pieces borrowed from parents and relatives. If this situation applies to you, here are some handy do-it-yourself decorating hints.

Imaginative rewards

With time and imagination, decorating with such "conversation pieces" can be fun and rewarding.

To begin, use common sense and tips from experts and be sure to take advantage of the excellent products currently on the market to help save time and work.

Large bureaus or dressers can take on new life by simply refinishing or repainting them. First, sand down and clean the surface. Then apply paint, antiquing base or stain, followed by appropriate sealer. Using a kit makes the job a cinch, and the results will amaze you.

58TH ANNIVERSARY

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered in St. Lawrence Church, Greece, on Feb. 27 to celebrate the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Meisenzahl. Afterward, a family reception will be given at the Meisenzahl home, 78 Elmgrove Road, by their children, Rosemary Simpson, Jean Therese Sage and Pauline Sweeting, and their six grandchildren and great-grandson.

LET THEM EAT CAKE

Whether a wedding be large or small, traditional or in a country garden, the wedding cake adds beauty and excitement to the day.

An added modern day custom is to put the top layer of the cherished cake in the freezer, to be savoured on the first anniversary.

Wall-to-wall decor

Often decorators will blend such a piece with the walls so it seems to disappear. This can be accomplished by painting walls with geometric lines, or patterns, extending this pattern on to the dresser. Or paper the dresser with the same wallpaper you are using on the walls, then cover with varnish or a plastic sealer.

That rug you borrowed for your livingroom can be easily spruced up by using a convenient rug cleaning product that lets you shampoo your carpet while you vacuum. Just spray the foam on the rug, wait until it dries and vacuum away the dried foam and dirt.

Sew it up

Slipcovering can be accomplished by the home

sewer without much difficulty. There are a number of excellent publications on the market that give step-by-step instructions.

However if you are not that handy, colorful pillows strewn on old furniture can do wonders. Borrowed mirrors can be modernized by refinishing or covering borders with fabric glued over a bit of padding and stretched over to the back.

Cover-ups

And dinette sets can either be repainted or, if you prefer, covered by a pretty linen cloth that reaches the floor. (Then cover your chair cushions to match!)

Decorating with hand-me-downs is a challenge and really a convenience too.

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