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When will YOU take the plunge?

Are you ready for marriage? Will you be ready in five years? Ten? Twenty? Never, perhaps?

Staff writer Mike Latona asked diocesan teens to gaze into their crystal balls and predict the age at which they'll walk down the aisle. Replies ranged from 20 to 36 years old.

Many of the teens cited money, career and maturity as prominent factors in readiness for marriage. Curiously, very few mentioned being in love. So maybe marriage isn't so much about that, but knowing when you're personally ready to make the commitment. Congratulations — that's some pretty mature thinking out there!

Ashley Perez, 17
Good Shepherd, Henrietta

Predicted age: 30s

"I've seen a lot of people who think they're in love. Marriage is a very big step, but I don't think you can know at a young age."

Ashley Wood, 15
St. Joseph's, Livonia

Predicted age: 27

"Then you're hopefully finished with college and have a good job. Anywhere under 20, I don't think you or the other person are fully mature yet. You're still changing, and so is the other person."

Dave Hedding, 17
St. Theresa, Stanley/St. Mary, Rushville

Predicted age: 36

"Because that's when I'll move out of the house. It's cheaper that way."



Sarah Ambrosone, 18
St. Mary's, Bath

Predicted age: late 20s

"I'd like to experience life single, do more of the dating scene first. It's the first time I'll be able to see if I can handle being on my own; I've been in my mom's house all my life."

Jeff Bush, 17
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hamlin

Predicted age: 28

"You want to live your life for a while." (When asked if you stop living your life once you're married, Jeff shrugged and smiled but had no further comment ...)

Tristan Young, 19
Holy Trinity, Webster

Predicted age: After college, no set age

"I'm not setting a time at all; things like that shouldn't be rushed. My aunt got married at 59, and they're having the time of their life."

Jesse Galvin, 18
St. Joseph's, Livonia

Predicted age: 24

"I'll finish college, then give it a year or so. That might change, but most people find someone in college."

Megan Cooney, 17
St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin

Predicted age: either 22 or 32

"I want to go pre-med, so it's either before I do grad work and internships, or after it's over."

Jen Hosenfeld, 18
St. Rita's, Webster

Predicted age: late 20s-early 30s

"I really haven't started with relationships."

Dan DeBoover, 16
St. Theresa, Stanley/St. Mary, Rushville

Predicted age: 20

"I'm going to a two-year school and I've already got a job lined up."

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