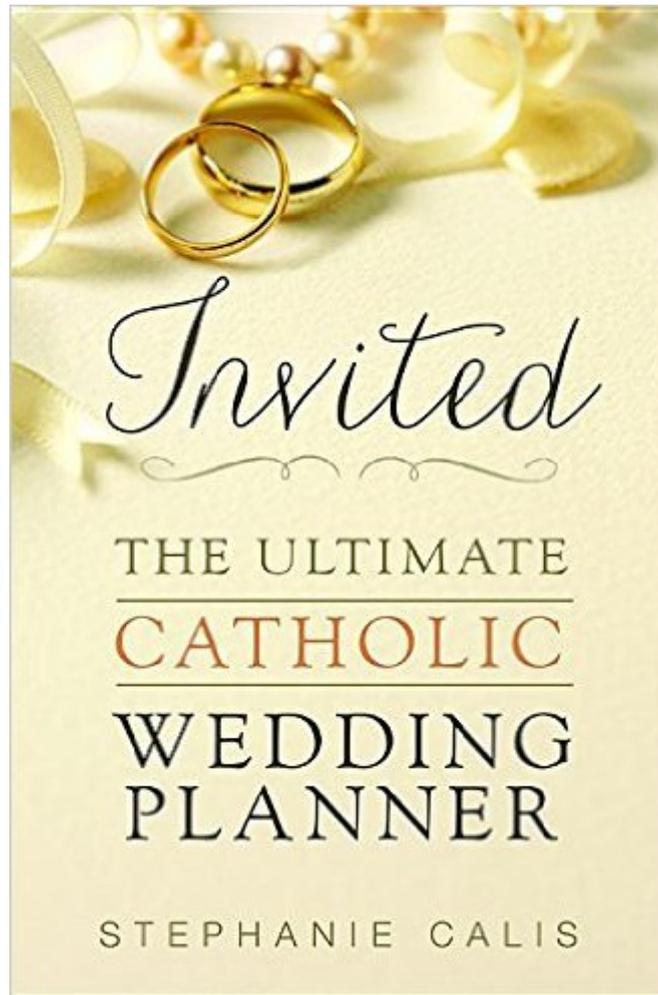


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# Invited: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner



## Synopsis

What if no matter where you've been, there was a resource that offered a framework not just for a beautiful wedding day, but for a lifetime of authentic love and true freedom that our hearts cry out for? There's been a noticeable lack of literature addressing both the practical and spiritual aspects of planning a Catholic wedding and holy marriage. **INVITED: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner** uniquely combines these aspects into a single volume. Ideal for both practicing Catholics and those returning to the Church, as well as for marriage ministers and wedding professionals to use with their couples, this book offers Catholic brides and grooms holy, reflective, and youthful wedding inspiration and clarification of the many to-do's that accompany their journey to the altar. It also meets readers where they are, providing a fresh, relateable perspective on the Catholic faith in a way that doesn't just appeal to rules, but to reason and to the human heart. Written from both a bride and a groom's perspective, **INVITED** identifies concrete steps for marriage prep, nuptial Mass planning, and reception planning, along with thoughts on beauty, minimizing stress, newlywed life, and a sexual relationship that invites free, faithful, fruitful and total love. Practical and distinctively Catholic planning materials include a master wedding checklist, budget planning sheet, Mass planning sheet, reception planning sheet and sample timeline, and sample invitation and program wording.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are a bride or groom to be, a wedding planner, vendor, or just a wedding enthusiast, this is the book for you. There is simply no other book currently available that offers what 'Invited' offers to you. This is more than just a wedding checklist (although that is included and it is super helpful)- it is

a comprehensive planner for all things related to a Catholic wedding and marriage prep. 'Invited' includes great practical tips for planning your Mass and reception- everything from picking your dress to your readings and music for the Mass. Best of all though, this book will help you to focus on the bigger picture; that is your marriage, not just the wedding. There is a chapter on marriage prep (aptly placed before the chapters on wedding preparations) and also beautiful insights on Catholic marriage. The author truly emphasizes that this is a sacrament, not just a one day party. If you are anything like me, that reminder is very helpful and necessary as you wade through the stress of planning your wedding. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. Buy it today and consider it a great first step towards a beautiful and holy Catholic wedding and marriage!

This book is an amazing resource for those planning a Catholic wedding! But honestly, as a married person myself and former wedding coordinator, I truly think that any engaged couple would get a lot out of it, not just Catholic brides and grooms. On the practical side, there are extremely helpful checklists and guidelines included to help keep you organized along the way along with resources for further information on a variety of topics. It helps you navigate planning the wedding mass and reception, plus the wedding preparation process itself. There's also a section from the groom's point of view and questions for discussion at the end of each chapter which really help make it a well rounded resource. On the spiritual side, this book seriously emphasizes the fact that as a Catholic, your marriage is a Sacrament and points your focus to the lifelong vocation rather than only the one day and event. It delves into the hard but necessary topics such as cohabitation and contraception and also the deeper topics of authentic love, beauty, and dignity. There is great advice throughout the book about navigating the difficult parts of wedding planning and it offers advice on how to keep peace in your life during this exciting but stressful time. I will definitely be recommending "Invited" to all of the engaged couples I know. It's wonderful to have such an awesome book for Catholic couples who are preparing for marriage - this book was very needed in the realm of wedding planning resources!

The myriad of magazines and books on the market for an upcoming bride can be overwhelming, especially as a Catholic when your priorities tend to deviate from the secular culture at large. If you want pointed, helpful direction in planning your CATHOLIC wedding, this is the resource you need and a much better place to start. The author has you covered with practical, spiritual, and emotional advice for making it through the process of planning and executing your wedding. Since it's not a one-(wo)man show, her husband comes in at the end of each chapter for his take on the subject at

hand. There are also excellent questions to discuss as you work through the book together. Every topic is covered -- from registries, to choosing your dress, to the stress of handling difficult family members, to marriage prep classes, to the sex on your wedding night and beyond. Sets of worksheets throughout the book are there to help in the planning process, as well as a great list of resources in the back for further reading. I can't recommend this highly enough for today's Catholic bride-to-be!

The book does an excellent job in its stated purpose, to combine all the many details of engagements/ weddings/ marriages of today, and the greater perspective of marriage as a sacrament of the Catholic Church. The balance of these two is quite extraordinary, even more so because the more intimate details, and the real priorities for marriage, seem so naturally and thoughtfully presented. The author's experience as a chastity speaker clearly reflects in honest, faithful, and knowledgeable sections on Catholic morality as it applies to sex and married life. I think that in those areas where any bride (or groom) is looking for some wedding logistic help they will find more than a few practical words of wisdom, even some to answer questions they didn't even know they should be asking yet.

Beautifully written but also a lot of humor! I didn't expect to be giggling during this read. Includes a useful checklist and great resources for Catholic couples you won't find on more secular based wedding websites. As a wedding photographer I like giving this book as a gift to Catholic couples. Our weddings are so different from most other religions, so it's helpful to have this upbeat but knowledgeable resource!

This book makes an excellent gift to newly engaged brides-to-be who intend to marry in the Catholic Church. Where other guides offer perhaps a chapter or a few sentences on what is unique about a Catholic wedding, this book elaborates. There are details from A to Z based on the author's personal experience. It offers a lot of good advice and planning resources: there are checklists, timelines, helpful website links. It is a practical guide -- but also, we read the Author's advice to embrace the unique Catholic spiritual dimensions of planning--not just for a wedding day, but for a lifelong marriage. It sends a great message to newly engaged couples. Catholic families, you owe it to your newly engaged members to get them this book! It explains that Marriage is a Sacrament and a vocation; it explains the reasons for the teachings as a helpful friend might explain.

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