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Review

"Exceptionally well written, organized and presented...essential and highly recommended."

-Julie Summers, the Midwest Book Review

"[An] amazing book, a complete resource for bride and groom!" - Bill Donaghy, Curriculum Specialist and Teacher, Theology of the Body Institute

"Stephanie's book will help couples prepare for their life together, especially if they take her sound advice and make Jesus the 'ultimate' wedding planner for their wedding day and their lifetime of love!" - Fr. Leo E. Patalinghug, Author, *Spicing Up Your Marriage*; Speaker; TV & Radio Host; founder of Grace Before Meals

"The ideal engagement gift for any Catholic couple approaching the altar." - Karee Santos, Co-Author, *The Four Keys to Everlasting Love: How Your Catholic Marriage Can Bring You Joy for a Lifetime* (Ave Maria, 2016)

Like many women, I have always enjoyed bridal magazines and seeing the fun crafts, food, and other details that go into wedding planning. The lovely book *INVITED: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner*, by Stephanie Calis, provides a Catholic perspective on all of this.

The first half of *INVITED* focuses on the practical, complete with checklists for budgeting, other marriage prep and ideas, the Mass, and the reception. The latter chapters are a very gentle, very well-put explanation of Catholic teaching on various areas related to marriage and the wedding, from "holding on to your sanity" to starting your life together. Particularly strong were the chapters on beauty, inspiring women to have a healthy sense of beauty without going overboard or playing the comparison game too much; and what Calis terms "The Sex Chapter," a sensitive and thorough explanation, rooted in the Theology of the Body, of Catholic teaching on sexuality.

Calis' husband Andrew writes periodic "From the Groom" sections providing a male view of things. Each chapter ends with a "For Conversation" paragraph meant to spark healthy discussion between bride and groom. *INVITED* would make an excellent gift for a recently engaged couple.

- Nancy Piccione, *The Catholic Post*

From the Back Cover

If you're reading this, congratulations are in order! There are also, as you've probably found out, plenty of things to get in order.

Let *INVITED: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner* help you:

- Get the most out of your marriage prep program
- Plan your nuptial Mass or ceremony
- Choose the perfect dress
- Find ways of praying together as a couple
- Set just the right tone at your reception--and keep it on budget
- Communicate with your fiancé and make decisions together

- Prepare for a life of healthy and holy intimacy

Includes the Catholic Rite of Marriage, practical worksheets, sample programs and invitation--and thoughts from the groom throughout. This book should be *first* on every bride's list!

About the Author

INVITED: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner is Stephanie Calis's first book. She is the Co-Founder and Content Manager of Spoken Bride, a lifestyle blog and ministry for Catholic brides and newlyweds. Stephanie lives near Washington, D.C.

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