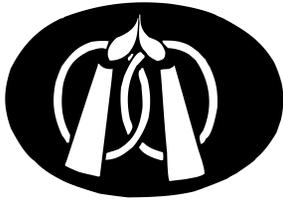


## ***A Checklist As You Prepare for Your Wedding***



### ***Prior to six months before the wedding:***

- ◇ Make an appointment for an initial interview with the parish priest.

### ***Six months before the wedding:***

- ◇ Make arrangements for the use of the church and/or social center.
- ◇ Review parish marriage guidelines. You will be given a copies of scripture and music choices as well as other information to assist you in planning your wedding ceremony.
- ◇ Make arrangements to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Obtain a certificate of completion or attendance and bring this certificate to the parish priest.

### ***2-3 months before the wedding:***

- ◇ Arrange to meet with the Director of Liturgy/Music about planning the wedding liturgy.
- ◇ Bring copies of all necessary sacramental documentation to the parish office.

### ***1 month before the wedding:***

- ◇ Obtain a civil license for marriage.

## **Guidelines and Other Requirements for the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony***

### **Congratulations!**

Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life as well as for your family, friends and for the parish community.

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral is pleased to share in the celebration of love through the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

Your desire to have a church wedding shows that you see your marriage as a commitment made before God and the local community, and that you are choosing to live out your married life as a Catholic, entering a life long sacramental union.

By celebrating your marriage in the Church you also are agreeing to observe the marriage laws of the Catholic faith.

We rejoice in your marriage intentions and as a Church, we will be glad to assist you in every way we can to make this celebration a most grace filled moment. We look forward to working with you.

May God be with you during these sacred days of preparation for your wedding in Christ.

***The Staff of St. Patrick Co-Cathedral***

### **A Catholic wedding:**

The *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* provides three forms for a Catholic wedding.

- A wedding within the context of a Mass is usually celebrated when two Catholics marry, however, they also have the choice of a wedding outside of Mass.
- A wedding outside of Mass is usually celebrated when a Catholic marries a baptized non-Catholic.
- A third form, also outside of Mass, is celebrated when a Catholic marries someone who is not baptized.
- When a deacon presides at the liturgy, the wedding is celebrated outside of Mass even when two Catholics marry.

### **Initial Interview**

- With the pastor review your marriage situation and the marriage preparation guidelines.
- Fill out the Prenuptial Questionnaire and Dispensation Form and a parish registration form if necessary.
- Set a tentative date and time for the wedding and rehearsal. *No wedding date can be set until after the meeting with the priest.*
- Make arrangements for a time to take the pre-marriage couple communication evaluation from Dynamic Catholic with the pastor or marriage preparation coordinator.

### **Documents needed in advance**

- Copies of baptismal certificates if not baptized at St. Patrick dated no sooner than six months prior to the wedding.

## FEES AND STIPENDS

*Registered, active and participating parishioners for at least one year.*

For use of parish facilities,  
\$500 in advance.

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*For couples not registered as members of St. Patrick or not participating in the parish*

For non-registered and/or non-participating persons, who for special reasons choose to celebrate marriage at St. Patrick the fee for the use of the parish facilities, and parish staff time is \$1000 in advance.

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We are open to visiting to make other financial arrangements with couples who wish to keep expenses at a minimum.



## OTHER SPECIFIC FEES

### Music

Cantor ~ \$100

Accompanist “basic fee” ~ \$150  
*Additional persons, extra rehearsals, etc. may increase the total fee.*

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### Cleaning/Security/Sanitizing

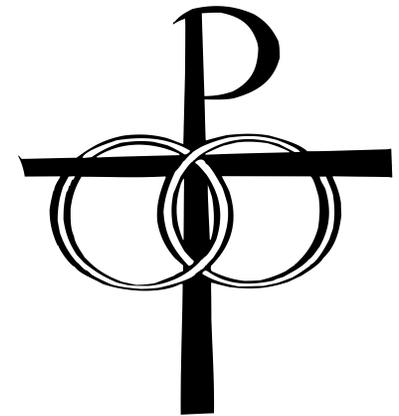
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**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID  
TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE  
WEDDING CEREMONY**

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- The pre-nuptial photo session must begin no less than one and a half hours before the ceremony and should be completed one hour before the ceremony.
- Pictures taken with flash distract from the dignity of the ceremony. In keeping with the spirit of your wedding, we ask that no pictures be taken with flash during the ceremony.
- Please ask your photographer and/or videographer to check with the Director of Liturgy/Music about where to stand when taking pictures or video taping during the ceremony.

# Guidelines for a Catholic Wedding



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