



## **WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES**

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We want your wedding liturgy to be experienced with joy and with reverence. As we understand and respect your desire to have a photographic record of this beautiful sacramental event, we have developed guidelines so that the activities of even the most professional photographer will not be distracting.

When you discuss arrangements for wedding photography, **please inform your photographer(s) of the following Guidelines.** (Also, please inform guests that still or video photography is not permitted in the church during the wedding liturgy. There will be time allowed afterward for the reposing of photographs in the sanctuary and at the altar.)

- **Upon arrival at the church, the photographer(s) MUST speak with the priest to discuss photography locations and guidelines.**
- **No flash photography or floodlights are permitted during the wedding mass or ceremony.**
- **Tripods for video camera(s) are allowed in a stationary position in the music area of the church to the left of the sanctuary and/or in the rear of the church. No photographer or equipment is to be in the area of the Tabernacle to the right of the sanctuary.**
- **Early equipment set-up is required. No equipment is to be left on aisles or near doorways.**
- **Our church environment is conducive to existing light photography. Your still and/or video photographer(s) needs to know this so that equipment suitable for photography in this condition may be used.**
- **Pre-wedding photography at your homes and at the church must be carried out according to a specific time schedule so as not to delay the start of your wedding.**
- **Once the wedding liturgy begins, all photographers may photograph the wedding procession in and out of the church. Professional video photography may continue throughout the liturgy; however, it is to be without any movement visible to the congregation. Since the church seating design is in the round, movement of any kind is an obvious distraction and **MUST** be avoided at all times. For that reason, still photographers **MUST** remain in designated locations during the wedding liturgy. Of course, quiet and reverence are the norm in a sacred place.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the engaged couple to be certain that the photographers(s) and guests are familiar with these Guidelines. It is suggested that you provide your photographer(s) with a copy of these Guidelines. If there is any question about these requirements, please consult the pastor well in advance of the wedding.

Thank you.