

# PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO GUIDELINES

## BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES



The purpose of photography at your wedding is to record the event of two people coming together in Christ. Your wedding is a celebration of a sacrament and photography must be secondary to the sacrament and its participants. We ask that the photographer be familiar with a Catholic wedding ceremony as it is conducted at St. Joseph. Photographers are welcome to attend the rehearsal to ask questions and familiarize themselves with the church layout.

Photographs may include:

- The bride and her wedding party as they prepare for the ceremony.
- The groom and his attendants as they prepare for the ceremony.
- The entrance procession.
- The recessional.

We request that as many “before the ceremony” pictures be made as possible. In addition, the photographer may “recreate” the poses from the ceremony for photography purposes. **Flash photography is allowed only during the entrance and the recessional. As soon as the priest or deacon begins the ceremony, all flash photography should be suspended until the recessional.** Guests are also asked to refrain from taking flash pictures during the ceremony.

If you wish to include the priest, deacon, altar servers, or other ministers in any of the photographs following the ceremony, you are requested to do these first. Please make sure family members and special friends know that you want them to stay for pictures. **Photographs MUST be completed within 30 minutes after the ceremony ends.**

## BASIC VIDEOTAPING GUIDELINES



Videotaping has become a very popular option for weddings. Many couples elect to have someone, either a professional or a family member, videotape their ceremony.

All videographers, professional or otherwise, must comply with the following guidelines:

- Videographers are limited to two (2) cameras.
- No furniture, microphones, or equipment is to be moved. Please do not attach any video microphones or equipment to any existing church property.
- Cameras must be placed on a tripod and not moved.
- Videotaping may be done from either the back of the church or to the left of the baptismal font (as you face the altar).
- If your videographer has permission from the groom to place a wireless microphone on the groom’s person, please call the church office to check the frequency. If the frequency disrupts that which is used by the celebrant, the video microphone will not be allowed.