

Wedding Planning Form – The Order of Celebrating Matrimony WITHIN MASS

Please return this form to the parish office at least six weeks prior to the date of your wedding.

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Wedding Date _____ Time (1:00 pm or earlier) _____ Presider _____

Rehearsal Date _____ Time (4:00 pm or later) _____

BRIDE _____ Cell # _____ E-mail _____

GROOM _____ Cell # _____ E-mail _____

of Couples in wedding party _____ # of Junior Attendants _____ # of Ushers _____

MUSICIANS – Include contact information for additional musicians who are not members of MMOC.

Accompanist _____ Cantor(s) _____

Other Musicians _____

PRELUDE – Your accompanist will begin to play quiet instrumental music as your guests are being seated. Typically this is 15 minutes prior to your wedding start time. You may choose to have a sung prelude piece as well, which would start 5 minutes before your ceremony.

The Introductory Rites

PROCESSIONAL – One instrumental piece with a walking tempo, which will increase in intensity for the bride's procession.

OPENING ACCLAMATION –

#70

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God. (Psalm 98)

GREETING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

GLORIA

All: Recite – found on inside cover of blue Gather hymnal

OPENING PRAYER

The Liturgy of the Word

You have many Scripture options from which to choose. Consider reading them during your daily prayer time and identify the readings that speak to your hearts. Visit www.foryourmarriage.org to review the Scripture options. You will need to choose one of the 9 options from the Old Testament; one of the 14 options from the New Testament; and one of 10 options from the Gospels. At the website, go to "About Catholic Marriage" at the top right. From the drop down menu, click "Planning a Catholic Wedding." Then, using the left column tabs, choose "Readings." A brief commentary is offered with each reading. Please consider prayerfully reading each option as individuals, then have a conversation as a couple and share the reasons for your favorite readings before making a decision together.

1st READING (Old Testament) _____ Read by _____

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 128 #86

**Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,
blest are those who seek you, O God.**

2nd READING (New Testament) _____ Read by _____

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia #334

GOSPEL _____ (Read by Presider)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel according to _____.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

The Celebration of Matrimony

THE CONSENT (*Choose the option which is more meaningful to you: A or B*)

Option A: I (*Name*) take you (*Name*) to be my wife/husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

Option B: I (*Name*) take you (*Name*) for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.

THE RECEPTION OF THE CONSENT

Presider: ...Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (*Two samples are enclosed. Please choose an option.*)

Option I _____ Option II _____ Writing our own _____

Reader: We pray to the Lord.

Read by _____

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Two gift-bearers are needed)

Gift Bearers: _____

Hymn: _____

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters...to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY #198

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #199

DOXOLOGY #202

OUR FATHER

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

SIGN OF PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD #204

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God...to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION (*Instructions to be included in worship aids*)

We regret that the continued separation of Christian denominations does not permit us to share Communion with those who are not Catholic, but we welcome you to come forward at Communion time for a blessing. Please symbolize this request by crossing your arms across your chest. Let us join in prayer for peace and unity in the human family.

-National Conference of Catholic Bishops

Ministers of Holy Communion: You will need 2 Ministers of Holy Communion to help with the Cups. A 3rd Minister is preferred if there are over 100 Catholic guests. If you only have one Minister of Holy Communion we will not distribute from the Cups. Please ask only those people who already perform this ministry in their parishes. They will receive training about 30 minutes before the wedding begins.

Ministers of Holy Communion: _____

Hymn: _____

The Concluding Rites

FINAL BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: (Blessings)

All: Amen. (4x)

DISMISSAL

Presider: ...Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL – An upbeat congregational hymn or instrumental piece.

IMPORTANT: Please submit a copy of your Worship Aid to Mary Jo before having them printed so she can double-check the order of ceremony and include the hymn numbers.

ON YOUR WEDDING DAY...

What time would you like the church unlocked for the wedding party and flower delivery? _____

What time would you like the church lights turned on for pictures? _____

Which usher will be responsible for carrying the Cross in the entrance procession? _____

How would you like to be introduced? As “Mr. and Mrs. ...”?

Processing into church at the beginning of your wedding and greeting your guests at the end of your wedding have so many options that this will require a conversation with your Presider. For example, at the end of the wedding, will you greet your guests in a receiving line at church or at the reception? Or, will you be ushering your guests out pew-by-pew?

Who will be responsible for clean-up? _____

After the wedding, will you bring your floral arrangement(s) to the reception or donate them to Mary Mother of the Church? _____

IN YOUR WORSHIP AIDS, please consider including all of the above words that are in **bold type**

...and consider (some version of) the following:

-Thank family and friends for their prayers, love, and support.

-Honor the deceased – perhaps by name – who have been part of your lives.

-“Please silence all cell phones.”

-“Flash photography is discouraged.”

-Explain the recessional which you will decide with the help of your presider:

“Please remain in your pews until the bride and groom can personally greet you.”

“Due to time constraints, the receiving line will be at the reception where the bride and groom look forward to greeting everyone personally.”