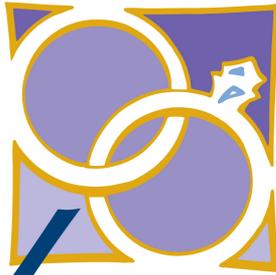


*The Sacrament of
Matrimony*

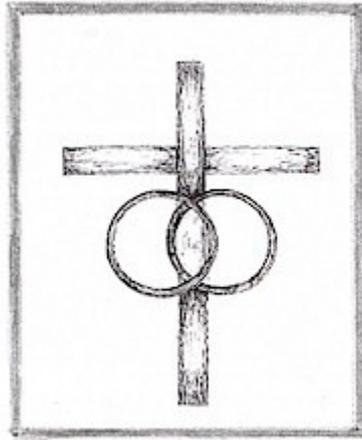


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This is the place where you come to remember why you are getting married and making all these plans. This is the place where you can talk about your faith, your dreams, your challenges, and your fears. This is the place where we hope you can forget about caterers, invitations, cake tasting and worries about creating a perfect day. No such day exists. Spend as little as you can. And remember, this process is not about one day. This is the process that helps you prepare to live this sacramental commitment for the rest of your lives. –Peg

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Marriage is an important, sacred event which involves many prayerful, as well as social considerations. A happy, blessed marriage hinges upon mutual cooperation of both the bride and groom and the guidance of God. This booklet is intended as a guide to help you in the preparations for your wedding day here at Church of the Resurrection.

1. Pre-Marriage Instruction

Pre-Marriage instructions are identified as Pre-Cana talks or conferences, and focus upon marital topics. All couples are required to participate in these marriage preparation sessions at least **six (6) months** prior to the date of their wedding.

Additionally, the celebrant of your wedding will assist you with your preparation.

2. Marriage Plans

Marriage plans must be formulated and developed in cooperation with the pastor or deacon and include the following concerns:

Selection of a wedding date and time

The couple must set their date at least six (6) months prior to the projected date for Marriage. Marriages at Church of The Resurrection take place either Fridays at 5:30 P.M., or Saturdays at 11:00 A.M. or 1:30 P.M. If a Friday wedding is scheduled, only one Saturday wedding can be added. The church will be open **two (2) hours** prior to the ceremony for photographers, florists, and wedding party attendants. According to Diocesan prescriptions, a Marriage normally takes place in the parish church of the bride, and usually during the Liturgy of the Mass.

The bride or groom must be an active, registered and contributing member of the Parish for six (6) months. An active registered member of Church of the Resurrection is someone who is a registered member of the parish, and has been attending Mass and contributing gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure regularly. Children of long-time “active” and “registered” parishioners are considered regular members for the purpose of marriage and are eligible to be married at Church of the Resurrection. They may be asked to get permission from the pastor of the parish in which they are presently registered.

3. Marriage Documents

Documents needed include:

A. Baptismal certificate

A Catholic baptismal certificate, issued within six (6) months of the marriage, needs to be provided.

B. Marriage license

The Marriage license can be obtained from the county courthouse 60 days prior to the marriage. It should be given to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal.

4. Wedding Coordinator

A Wedding Coordinator from Church of the Resurrection will be assigned to you. These coordinators are parishioners selected by the pastor to oversee wedding rehearsals and ceremonies. All weddings at Church of the Resurrection are conducted according to the liturgical and sacramental guidelines of our Diocese and the Catholic Church. The Wedding Coordinators also offer assistance to the bridal party and family on the day of the wedding and assist any visiting clergy. **Please contact Nancy Phillips, 614-395-6002 (cell) or at npdeaconess@att.net, at least six (6) months prior to your intended date of marriage.**

Sometimes couples choose to employ a bridal coordinator to assist in the finer details of preparing for marriage and the reception. The Church of the Resurrection welcomes these coordinators in their role of providing support for the couple. However, the Church of the Resurrection Wedding Coordinator is responsible for adherence to the liturgical guidelines of the parish and Diocese.

5. Wedding Rehearsal

Wedding rehearsal time will need to be arranged with the wedding coordinator. All members of the wedding party, including lectors, are encouraged to participate in the rehearsal. The rehearsal will run approximately 45-60 minutes.

6. Music

Thom Wyatt, Director of Music

Music enhances the emotion of any occasion. Within the Sacrament of Matrimony, there are many opportunities to select music that will reflect your feelings as a couple, as well as members of our Catholic tradition. Your music should give glory and praise to God as well as unite our community in joyful thanksgiving. All music selections should respect the sanctity of the space and sacrament.

Prelude – The proper place for any non-liturgical or “secular” music is prior to the start of your ceremony. At this time, music serves to create an atmosphere while your guests are being seated. It is also a time of reflection as guests prepare for the sacrament in which they are about to participate.

Ceremony – During your ceremony the congregation is asked not only to witness, but also to fully participate. Depending on your decisions concerning a Ceremony or Mass, your guests are invited, and encouraged, to participate through responses, prayers and hymns. All hymn selections should be chosen from our parish church hymnal (Gather Comprehensive). As prescribed by church doctrine, the following parts of the Mass are sung – Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen.

Guest Soloists - All guest soloists (instrumental or vocal) must be approved by the Director of Music. This is not an evaluation of abilities, but serves as a recommendation of how their contribution will best fit the marriage ceremony. When approved, a rehearsal time with the accompanist or Director of Music will be scheduled.

Special Note - The Director of Music will assist you in the proper selection of music for your sacrament. In order to choose music, arrange for soloists and schedule rehearsals, it is requested that you call Thom Wyatt at the Parish Office, 855-1400 ext. 1018, or twyatt@cotrna.org, as soon as possible to arrange a meeting.

7. Options for the Marriage Rite and Readings

Options for the Marriage Rite and readings should be carefully determined. All readings must come from the Bible. The readings should be meaningful to you, and express in some way the meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage. The Booklet entitled "Together for Life", along with its partner website www.togetherforlifeonline.com will be a great help in selecting the following Ritual Options:

Celebrant's Prayers
Biblical Text
Marriage Promises (vows)
Prayer of the Faithful
Nuptial Blessing

Who can read the readings? The only requirement for a person to proclaim the readings is that they believe that which they are reading. For example, a practicing Jewish friend may proclaim an Old Testament reading since they would believe what they are reading. (The Jewish Tanak contains the readings that a Catholic would refer to as the Old Testament). Other practicing Christians are free to read any of the other readings. The Gospel is proclaimed by the priest or deacon.

Can we write our own vows? In the materials provided, there are several options for your vows. You may not, however, write your own. While your vows are deeply personal, they are also a public promise before God. Thus, they are also a public witness to what you are promising to one another. You do not have to memorize your vows but you may if you so choose.

All of the items mentioned above will be discussed with the celebrant and wedding coordinator. Music selections are not covered by the webpage; the couple must meet with Thom Wyatt to discuss options.

In regards to the Procession – One aspect of a wedding is the joining of the bride and groom into one. Their action of marriage also unites two families into one. The Entrance Procession should reflect this new unity. The support and equality of spouses and families can be witnessed as the procession includes the bridal couple as well as the parents of BOTH families. The Church is moving away from the outdated “giving away” of the bride in which a dowry (usually of livestock, money, or property) would be given to the father of the bride for his daughter’s hand in marriage. The present day procession may include the bridal party, the groom with his parents, and the bride with her parents or simply, the bride and groom together.

8. Flowers

Flower arrangements are made directly with the florist. Floral arrangements are placed in the sanctuary and it is customary for the flowers to remain in the church following the wedding. The Catholic Church feels that flowers that are part of the wedding scene take on the spirit of the sacrament and should remain in the church for others to share.

Flower arrangements should be no taller than the altar. If a wedding takes place during a special liturgical season (Advent, Christmas, Easter, etc.), decorations already in place are not to be moved unless arrangements are made with the Church's Art and Environment committee through your coordinator (a fee may be involved).

Flower girls are asked not to throw anything on the aisle during the procession.

9. Unity Candle and Flowers to Mary

The unity candle is not a recognized part of the Catholic wedding liturgy. The common symbolism of the unity candle is that the two families become one as the couple also becomes one. However, candles used in Catholic liturgy represent Christ. The appropriate place for the use of a unity candle is at your reception.

Bringing flowers to the statue of Mary is optional. You may place a small bouquet of flowers, or spend a moment in prayer, before the statue of Mary found in the Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel. This is an excellent opportunity to ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph as you live your new vocation as husband and wife. Due to the location of the chapel, this devotion would not occur during your ceremony.

10. Remembering Loved Ones

We believe that our loved ones remain alive and with us in Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection conquered death. If they are alive in Jesus Christ, they will be with you at your wedding as we invoke prayers to the Living God. They will surely be offering prayers to Almighty God for your happiness.

In a more tangible way to remember your loved ones, there are several options during your ceremony. Loved ones are frequently remembered in the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful). In this prayer, remembrances of deceased family and friends may be included. Likewise, you may include remembrances in your program. Another option includes lighting a candle, or placing a bouquet in the Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel before or after the ceremony.

11. Maintenance of Church Property

The bride and groom are responsible for seeing that the church and its property are left in a good, neat, and safe order. Those using the church are responsible for the prompt removal of any and all personal property, lest it be misplaced or discarded. All rooms should be left in a good and clean condition.

The Church is not responsible for the security of items left during the ceremony. It is recommended that all valuables be removed from the church rooms before the ceremony.

12. Beverages

Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are NOT permitted on church property. Bottled water will be supplied for use prior to the ceremony.

13. Photography

Pictures may be taken in church. The photographer should check with the wedding coordinator regarding the taking of pictures before, during and after the wedding. All posed pictures taken before the celebration of your wedding must be completed 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. When the ceremony starts, pictures of the procession and the marriage rituals are to be taken from a middle pew of the main seating area on either side of the main aisle (i.e. about 8-10 pews from the altar). NO pictures are to be taken from any area around the sanctuary (steps up to and around the altar on all sides). Pictures are allowed from the balcony. The taking of posed pictures after the wedding must be completed by 3:45 p.m.

14. Video photography

Church of the Resurrection has installed state of the art video equipment to assist in capturing your wedding ceremony memories. Four high quality, three chip, remote controlled video cameras record directly to either a secure digital (SD) card or a USB thumb drive. No external video cameras or tripods are allowed inside the worship area, so that all may experience a completely unobtrusive liturgy. There is a \$500 fee made payable to Church of the Resurrection. If you would like a video of your ceremony, contact Ed Reed at 614-937-8472.

15. Visiting Clergy

If a priest or deacon from another state is officiating at your wedding he needs to be licensed by the State of Ohio. Contact the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Columbus at 614-224-2251 or 1-800-944-2251, as well as your wedding coordinator for assistance. All guidelines contained herein are to be observed.

16. Marriage Programs

Marriage programs provide wedding guests with a worship aid for the wedding ceremony. Samples can be found in the Marriage “FAQ” section of our parish website (<https://cotrna.org/f/docs/SacramentalPreparation.html>)

17. Church of the Resurrection Suggested Honoraria

Clergy	It is customary, but not required to offer a stipend for his assistance.
Wedding Coordinator	\$200.00
Musicians	Stipends will be discussed when you meet with the Director of Music
Altar Servers for a Mass (2 servers recommended)	\$25.00 each

We hope this booklet helps you in preparing you for your wedding. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call. We are here to help and support your commitment to God and to each other.

The Clergy and Wedding Coordinators
Church of the Resurrection
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