

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

A wedding service is a sacred ceremony and care must be taken to preserve the beauty and dignity of the occasion. Photography and videography must be unobtrusive.

Photos before the ceremony may be taken in the courtyard or in the church. The bridal couple must arrange access ahead of time. Fifteen minutes before the ceremony, the couple needs to be left in peace!

To capture the Procession, you may take a few flash photos, and limited videography, but you must not block the congregation's view or occupy the aisle walking backwards toward the altar more than a few pews into the seating area. Do not come to the top of the aisle.

During the ceremony neither flash for photos nor extra light for videography is permitted. Personnel and equipment must not intrude into the congregation's area or move about in the aisles. You may take photos without extra light through the glass doors in the rear of the church or from the balcony, but *only a few*, especially if your equipment can be heard by the congregation or wedding party. Any noise made in the balcony can be heard clearly down below.

At The Kiss, which usually comes at the end of the ceremony, you may use flash, come forward, etc. However, if the service includes the Eucharist (please ask the couple ahead of time), the service continues for several minutes after The Kiss. You must not intrude at this portion of the ceremony.

After everyone has received Communion, there is a final prayer and blessing, then the Procession Out. During the Procession Out, you may take all the pictures you want, as long as you don't get in the way or inhibit the couples' movement down the aisle.

Please be prepared to take any after-ceremony pictures within 30 minutes.

We do not permit placement of equipment inside the altar rail nor do we allow picture-taking there. You may, however, pose people in front of the altar rail.

Your signature confirms that you have received and understand these guidelines and agree to conform to them. If you violate this agreement, your business name will be published and described as a professional no longer welcomed at our church. Your signed copy of this form must be received by the church office (address above, to the attention of the officiating cleric) no later than one week before the wedding.

Signature

Date

Name of Firm (please print)

Wedding Name & Date

Business Address

Business Telephone Number