

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS FOR
WEDDINGS AT ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

We welcome you and your staff to St. Eugene Catholic Church. Photography and videography are allowed; however, we ask you to adhere to the following rules:

-Only formal pictures of the bride and groom and their bridal party are to be taken in the church. Informal "fun" photographs are inappropriate and are not permitted in the Church. Such photographs should be taken outside the church or at the reception.

-You will be allowed one-half hour after the ceremony (provided that the wedding started on time) for photography in the Church. Before the ceremony, pictures may be taken in the narthex (vestibule) area, outside on the church grounds or in the bride's room. No pictures are permitted in the church prior to the ceremony.

-There may be no manned cameras (video or still) used in the altar area during the ceremony. An unmanned video camera may be placed in a designated area at the side of the altar. Still cameras and manned videos may be used in back of the church and also behind the first tier of pews provided this is behind all seated wedding guests. Please check with the Priest or Wedding Director for specific placement of these cameras. All flash photography must cease once the bride has walked down the aisle to the altar and presented to the groom. Flash photography may resume once the ceremony has concluded.

-We ask you and your staff to please be considerate of the organist and/or other musicians. Noise is very distracting during their performance. All equipment should be placed in an area that will not obstruct free movement of the wedding party or their guests.

-Please do not place anything on the altar. Also, if you need additional height for your photography work, please bring a step stool. Do not stand on the edge of the Baptismal Font or on the chairs or pews.

These guidelines were prepared in the hope of making each wedding picture special and creating some wonderful photographic memories while at the same time being respectful to the place where they are being taken. We thank you for your cooperation.