

# The Order of Celebrating Matrimony

## The Introductory Rites

### *Entrance Procession/Song –*

Couples are encouraged to incorporate one of the three suggested liturgical processions:

- A) Priest/Deacon, Bridesmaids & Groomsmen, Bride & Groom
- B) Priest/Deacon, Bridesmaids & Groomsmen, Groom w/Parents, Bride w/Parents
- C) Priest/Deacon, Bridesmaids & Groomsmen, Groom, Bride

A gathering song, led by the cantor, will accompany the procession; a welcoming of everyone gathered for the celebration. Your guests/congregation should participate in this song. There should be no change in music for the entrance of the bride.

*Gloria* (recited during Marriage Rite with Eucharist)

## The Liturgy of the Word

Texts of the Scripture options will be provided. There are more options available in the revised Rite: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Gospel, Homily, Prayers of the Faithful

## The Celebration of Matrimony

Couples are asked to memorize the Consent.

A recited acclamation is included after the Consent.

Blessing/Giving of Rings

Lighting of the Unity Candle is not done in the revised Rite.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts, Eucharistic Prayer/Aclamations, Distribution of Communion

## The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Recessional (instrumental music may accompany the closing procession)

+ Couples will be required to provide a more detailed worship aid for their guests to aid in their participation during the liturgy. The worship aid template should be completed with the Director of Liturgy and Music. The worship aids can be printed at the parish office for \$ .40 per booklet (black and white printing only; color is extra), or printed off site.

+ Brief overview of Fees

A) \$200 for use of the Church

B) \$150 for Priest/Deacon

C) \$40 for sound technician (set up mics, balance sound of musicians)

D) vocalist/cantor and organist – fees range between \$100-150 each; paid separately to each musician

E) \$75 for Facilitator - **Optional** (meet with couple once before wedding; available day of wedding to guide wedding party during pictures, instruct ushers, arrange procession, ensure timely clean up after wedding)

F) \$100 facilitator fee for couples having Deacon preside. The facilitator also directs the rehearsal the night before the wedding.

G) \$150 preparation fee is charged for couples preparing here, but getting married at another parish.