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WEDDING INFORMATION

RE: VISITING ORGANISTS AND SOLOISTS

At the request of the couple, outside organists and soloists will be welcome to perform at weddings providing:

1. Organists play regularly at a church.
2. Organists are known to the Director of Music or will audition.
3. Organists are acquainted with Catholic liturgy.
4. A program of music is submitted **in writing** six weeks in advance of the wedding for approval.
5. **The host church's organist's "bench" fee, is to be paid before or no later than at the rehearsal. (See Fee Schedule Sheet).**
6. Soloists are experienced in church or classical music.
7. Soloists are known to the Director of Music or will audition. **Host parish soloist/cantor fee, must be paid also at rehearsal (see Fee Schedule sheet)**
8. Consult with the Director of Music regarding appropriate music at least six weeks in advance of the wedding.
9. Rehearsals for soloists (other than immediately before the ceremony) will require an additional fee.
10. Soloists will provide two copies of their music written in the key it will be sung.
11. Director of Music must be provided with correct addresses and phone numbers of both the bride and groom.

Sometimes well-meaning relatives and friends offer to play or sing for a wedding. If they are well trained and accomplished organists or singers, their participation can enhance a wedding in a special way. If, however, they have no background in church music or are not used to performing before a large group, their contribution can detract from the solemnity and beauty of your day. Should you want additional musicians, many are available to the Director of Music and are listed on the Musicians' Fees Schedule sheet.