

**St. Paul Cathedral**  
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***Bridal couple shall return this signed, to St. Paul Cathedral rectory, at least two weeks before wedding.***

**Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers for Weddings**

We have enjoyed working with many photographers and videographers who have visited St. Paul's in the past. For those familiar with the Cathedral and for those coming here for the first time, it is our hope that these guidelines will assist you in the direct planning of this special event.

**To insure that you will be welcome at the Cathedral in the future, we ask that you follow these directives.**

1. The Cathedral has two permanent sites where tripods for cameras can be placed. The use of such sites is permitted and recommended. Photographers and Videographers are to be discreet in their approach of filming any wedding event, giving proper respect for the sacred space that they are in. The action of the ceremony should never be delayed because pictures are being taken.
2. At no time should a photographer and/or videographer proceed beyond the Communion rail nor is he/she permitted to enter the Sanctuary for any reason. For the more intimate and close-up shots of the actual wedding ceremony, the Celebrant can arrange to have the couple face each other.
3. Choir loft pictures are permitted provided that the personnel operating the cameras are unobtrusive. The sight lines of the organist cannot be blocked. Check with the organist for placement of cameras.
4. The prudent use of flash is not regarded as objectionable. However, strong and intense lights, whether set up on permanent mountings or employed intermittently, are strictly forbidden for these often constitute a continuing distraction during the wedding ceremony.
5. As a general rule, posed pictures are not permitted in the Cathedral following the wedding. It shall be at the discretion of the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator to make exception to this. The time element and the respectful demeanor of the group will be determining factors. The Cathedral schedule is such that weddings are frequently followed by other scheduled services.
6. Reception lines in the rear of the Cathedral or on the steps of the Cathedral are not allowed.
7. During the favorable seasons of the year, pictures may be taken on the lawn, (at the Holy Family Garden.) The Cathedral schedule is such that weddings are frequently followed by other scheduled services. It is important; however, that the photographer and videographer not cause the bridal party to linger so long as to impede the arrival of others needing the parking privileges before the next scheduled event.

**WE ASK THAT YOU NOT REQUEST EXCEPTIONS BE MADE TO THESE REGULATIONS.**

***Photographer and Videographer: Please sign below indicating your agreement to the above. Without a signed agreement, the photographer and/or videographer may not be permitted to provide their services.***

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Print: Name of Couple

Date of Wedding

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Print: Name of Studio and Photographer's Name

Signature of Photographer

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Print: Name of Studio and Videographer's Name

Signature of Videographer