

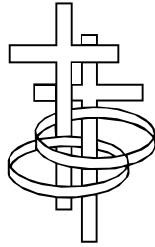
# St. John's and St. Cornelius

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## *SOME INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR CELEBRATING YOUR WEDDING*

### 1. SPIRITUAL PREPARATION :

Since you are preparing for a major step in your life, you will need to prepare yourself and your partner spiritually.

Prayer will be the first step for you both, as well as frequenting the Sacraments, especially attending the weekly Sunday Eucharist.

We highly recommend that at some convenient time in the weeks before your wedding you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

### 2. CERTIFICATES:

Baptismal certificates for both parties are required. For Catholics, a new copy, dated not more than six months prior to the marriage must be presented.



### 3. LICENCE:

A licence is required. The licence is valid for 3 months. Plan to give the priest the licence as soon as possible, and preferably at least one month before the wedding. Licences are issued from any City Hall office and must be issued at least 3 days before the wedding. (Don't wait until the last minute.)

### 4. "MIXED MARRIAGES":

These are marriages between two baptized persons, of whom one is Catholic and the other a member of a Church which is not in full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The local Ordinary (Bishop) or a person delegated by him may give permission for the wedding provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The Catholic party shall declare that he/she is ready to remove dangers of falling from the faith and shall make a sincere promise to do all in his/her power to have all the children baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church.
- The other party must be informed of these promises which the Catholic party has made, so that it is clear that he/she is cognizant of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

- Both parties are to be instructed regarding the essential ends and properties of marriage which shall not be excluded by either party.
- Eucharist will not be celebrated during mixed marriages.

### 5. BRIDAL PARTY

The Bridesmaids are to be Female and the Ushers to be Male, behaviors disrespectful of the Sacrament of marriage will not be tolerated. Recommended number 6 maximum 8. This is a small Church, each row seats eight adults and the overall seating is 300.

### 6. MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:

The courses are an necessity, by Diocesan policy for all couples. They usually last 5 - 7 weeks and deal with such needed areas as the psychological, financial, sexual and religious values in marriage, as well as the great need for good communication, compromise, and many other areas of interest. Some available courses:



- Catholic Pastoral Centre (List of Parish courses) (416) 921-1163
- Queen of Apostles Centre 1617 Blythe Rd. Miss. (905) 278-5229
- St. Francis Centre 208501 Highway 9 (519)-941-1747

Please Note: Special courses are necessary for those who are cohabiting (living together) and in the case of annulments, remarriage.

### 7. YOUNG PEOPLE'S MARRIAGES:

For the licence: a person under the age of 18 must have both parents fill out an affidavit sworn under oath in the presence of the issuing officer. For the Church: for a groom under 21 and a bride under 21, the priest will conduct special interviews with the parents before the date of the wedding can be finalized.

### 8. MUSIC:

It is the responsibility of the couple to contact musicians and make necessary arrangements. All music at a Church must be sacred music. Music that is not in our Hymnals must be authorized by the Pastor.



Patrizia Micallef 647-500-8014 (Sun 11:45)  
Ask the office if you need any help finding Music.

9. **FEES:**

Although there is no set fee for the Church, an offering is expected. (Guideline: \$500.00- \$600.00 with Air Conditioning). The organist or musicians set their own fee and are paid directly by the couple. When available, two Altar Servers will be appointed and are always delighted to receive a token of appreciation. (Guideline: - \$20.00 each - minimum).



10. **FLOWERS:**

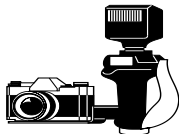
No arches, no pillars, no artificial or silk flowers Keep it simple! We recommend 3 large pieces - one to be placed on the floor in front of Lectern. There are two wooden pillars on either side of the main altar at the back of the Sanctuary. The area around the main altar must be kept clear. Pew markers should be hung or tied to pews.



**NO TAPE IS TO BE USED.**

11. **PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Preferably only one official photographer should take pictures. He is not allowed on the sanctuary proper. Video taping is permitted if done with the natural light available, and again, the operator is not allowed in the sanctuary. No harsh lighting is permitted. They are not to become the center of attention.



**ABSOLUTELY NO NON-PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEOS FROM ANY AISLE.** Pictures may be taken from their seats.

12. **RUNNERS: NO PLASTIC OR PAPER ALLOWED.**

The couple must agree to accept the legal responsibility for any and all injury resulting from slipping or falling caused by the runner. They must be rented and made of heavy cloth, maximum 48"; anything that comes in a roll cannot be used due to the serious safety hazard.



13. **TIMES OF WEDDINGS:**

Weddings are usually celebrated at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm Saturday. Other Days, such as weekdays, may be requested upon availability.

14. **PUNCTUALITY:**

Please be on time, I can't allow your lack of punctuality to spoil the plans of other wedding parties or other ceremonies already booked. If late, parts of the ceremony may be cut out (such as Nuptial Blessing, Sign of Peace, Eucharist, greeting line), depending on the amount of time delayed.



15. **THE CEREMONY:**

The priest will give you a copy of the Reading and Prayers to make your selections. Two months prior to the date, three meetings will be set to finalize the ceremony and submit required documents.



16. **CONFETTI:**

We ask you to tell your guests to refrain from throwing confetti either inside the building or outside: the wind blows it in and people walk it in. If confetti has been used; you will be required to pay compensation (\$750.00) for the tedious job of cleaning up.



17. **PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

The Bride and Groom accept "Legal Responsibility" for expenses involved in any possible property damage incurred.

18. **PRESIDER:**

We have guaranteed that the church will supply a minister for your wedding; there are no guarantees who that minister will be.



We are happy to celebrate with you your wedding and wish to be of service to you. If you have any other questions, please call the Church office.

A Wedding is a Day  
A Marriage is a Lifetime

