



# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

## Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Eighteenth Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY FOR THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

- Photographers and Videographers are most welcome for the celebration of Weddings in the Basilica and the Chapel of the Cathedral. Please share this information with those you employ for this service.
- The attire of the photographer/videographer is to be in keeping with a celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Hats on men and shorts are considered inappropriate.
- All Weddings are planned to begin on time. The photographer/videographer should have the equipment needed in place in advance of the beginning time of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. An additional microphone can be placed at the ambo but is not to be attached to the existing microphone. If the celebrant of the Sacred Liturgy is requested to wear an additional microphone, this should be arranged at least ten minutes in advance of the beginning time of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Any pre-ceremony photos/filming is to be completed prior to the beginning time of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.
- The photographer/videographer is permitted to photograph/video all throughout the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. However, the actions of the Sacred Liturgy take priority and are not to be interfered with at any time by the photographer/videographer. This also calls for quiet and respect as photos/filming take place.
- The photographer/videographer is not permitted inside the Sanctuary at any time. Photos/filming can take place from the choir loft with the explicit permission of the organist on the day of the wedding. The communion rail is not a prop nor for sitting. *At absolutely no time during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy is the photographer/videographer or equipment to be stationed in the center aisle.*
- There are no pictures in the Basilica or Chapel after the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy nor at their entrances. The newly married couple is to proceed immediately to their vehicle after the Wedding without posing for photographs. In the event of inclement weather, and with the expressed permission of the parish priest responsible for the wedding, pictures may take place after the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy at the side altars on the Race Street side of the Basilica.
- The photographer/videographer is responsible for any lost or misplaced equipment. Parking is available in the Archdiocesan Parking Lot, with an entrance on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, after 5:00 PM on the weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday.
- Any violation of these norms will be addressed by the Cathedral Basilica Staff and may result in the termination of photos/filming immediately.

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