

Worship Environment and Floral Arrangement Guidelines

Many customs and traditions have been introduced into the wedding ceremony which are not a part of the Roman Rite.

- ✠ **Unity Candle:** The unity candle is not a part of the Liturgy of the Catholic Church and is not permitted to be used at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish Church.
- ✠ A **wedding runner** or “**crash**” is not permitted to be used.
- ✠ The distribution of **rice, flower petals, sparkles, confetti, bird seed, balloons, butterflies, birds, etc.**, on Cathedral property is not permitted. Bubbles may be used outside of the church only.

Flowers and Decorations

- ✠ **Flowers** for the sanctuary may be provided by the couple. Two floral arrangements will be placed on stands in the sanctuary and will remain in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses. The Cathedral will provide the two stands. A flower arrangement can also be placed on the floor in front of the main altar. No other flowers are permitted on the altar or in the sanctuary. Couples celebrating their wedding during the Christmas or Easter Seasons will not be permitted to use additional flowers unless this possibility is discussed with the Cathedral Staff. Only freshly cut flowers and greens may be used within the church. Artificial flowers and greens are never permitted.
- ✠ **Bows** or **Pew Decorations** may be used on the pew ends and attached with string or elastic. Candles, tape and glue may not be used on the pews. No tape, nails or pins of any kind are permitted.
- ✠ **Seasonal decorations** in the Cathedral may not be altered.
- ✠ The Cathedral campus is a **smoke-free environment**. Please observe this no-smoking policy.
- ✠ Possession or use of firearms, alcohol or drugs is prohibited on Cathedral property.
- ✠ The Cathedral provides a **Bridal Room** in the Cathedral Hall adjacent to the ladies restroom. This room will be open approximately one hour prior to the wedding. Also, the wedding party will have access to the Raphael room of the Cathedral Hall one hour prior to the wedding; this is to be arranged with the wedding coordinator.
- ✠ Following the liturgy, please remove all hangers, garment bags, flowers, boxes, etc. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish nor the Diocese of Greensburg assumes no liability for any and all **items left** in the dressing room, church or hall at any time.