

## **POLICY FOR VIDEOGRAPHERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR A WEDDING AT CORPUS CHRISTI UNIVERSITY PARISH**

We welcome you to Corpus Christi University Parish. You have been asked by the couple whose marriage you will video or photograph to help them remember this special day.

Video and still pictures of a wedding are a lifetime treasure. As the videographer /photographer you should be aware of several things. There are specific locations in the church for taping/picture taking: anywhere in the rear of the church, or the side aisles. If the wedding has the celebration of the Eucharist, the videographer/photographer is not permitted to set up a tripod in the side aisles. The area in front of the front row of chairs or behind the altar/sanctuary may NOT be used.

Neither the groom nor the bride **may** be “wired for sound”. There are speakers in the choir loft; the sound quality is excellent.

Please be mindful that when we gather for a wedding it is first and foremost a prayerful experience. Because of this, you are asked to respect our worship. As such, we ask that:

1. All set up pictures of the wedding couple need to be completed 30 minutes before the beginning of the wedding. You have a sense of how long it will take to complete these pictures, so please inform the couple so that they will have everyone present at the needed time.
2. Extra lighting, flashes, ladders and other such equipment are **NOT** permitted **DURING** the wedding. Photographer/Videographer(s) are asked to be discreet and professional. Video/picture-taking should not distract from the ceremony.
3. Processions are **not** to be slowed or interrupted for taking pictures/video. Flash pictures may be used as the people are coming down the aisle and as they leave. **NO other flash photography or extra lighting is acceptable during the wedding.** You, as the professional photographer/video operator, need to be aware that others might take pictures with a flash. However, this does not give you permission to use a flash.
4. During the wedding, **videographer/photographers** are **NOT** permitted in front of the front row of chairs.
5. No access to the balcony.

You as the professional photographer/videographer, normally have a **MAXIMUM 3-hour** limit for your usage of the Church. This includes the ceremony itself, which will leave approximately one hour before and after the ceremony for pictures.

If any of these regulations are not adhered to, you will be **asked to leave at the time you break the rule(s) and NOT permitted to serve as a videographer/photographer for future weddings at Corpus Christi University Parish.**

We want to work with you; however, our PRAYER is primary. These rules were set up because a few photographers/ videographer have not abided by our requests in the past. We hope that we are able to work together to make this a reverent and memorable occasion.

Pictures should be taken immediately after the couple leaves the church and returns. Any driving around in a limo or cars occur after the pictures are finished.