

***Addendum to “Protocols for Celebrating the Liturgy amid Covid19”
and the Cathedral Wedding Guidelines***

Cathedral Basilica Wedding Protocols 17 May 2020
In effect until further notice and subject to change at any time

The “Protocols for Celebrating the Liturgy amid Covid19” must be followed in all aspects at wedding liturgies that occur within Mass or outside of Mass. Please read the protocols carefully. They can be found at www.covcathedral.com.

- Due to the revised capacity of the Cathedral Basilica because of safe social distancing requirements as outlined in the Diocesan Protocols, those in attendance at a wedding in the Cathedral Basilica may not exceed **75** people, including the wedding party. The Celebrant and any Concelebrants, Deacon, musicians, Bride and Groom and musicians are not part of that number.
- The Cathedral will provide ushers to assist and seat all guests according to the protocols to allow for proper social distancing. Ushers will also provide guidance for the Communion procession. It is the responsibility of the ushers to ensure that the number of guests does not exceed the 75 person limit.
- Entrance Procession and Recessional
 - Only the bride (with father if desired) process in. Only the Bride and Groom process out. Members of the wedding party and the mothers of the bride and groom are seated prior to the celebration and they do not process in or out.

- Only the Best man and Maid of Honor may enter the sanctuary for the Rite of Marriage socially distanced from the bride and groom. The other members of the wedding party remain in the pews.
- The organist will provide music and one (1) Cantor will provide all vocal singing (no congregational singing is permitted). One (1) solo string instrument may be added. Guest vocalists and instrumental ensembles (string quartet, e.g.) are not permitted while pandemic protocols are in place.
- The first and second readings and the responsorial psalm are to be proclaimed by one lector only (the same person).
- The Alleluia and verse may be sung once through by the cantor. The normal response to the Alleluia and verse is omitted.
- Other important norms from the Protocols: 1) There is to be no procession of the gifts, 2) The sign of peace is omitted, 3) Distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful (and to the bride and groom) is omitted, 4) The Mass parts (Gloria, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Lamb of God) are all spoken.
- Printed programs are permitted.
- All those invited to the wedding must be made aware of the socially distancing protocol and encouraged to wear face coverings.