

Cathedral Basilica Wedding Protocols 12 April 2021

Addendum to "Protocols for Celebrating the Liturgy amid Covid19" and the Cathedral Wedding Guidelines

These protocols are effective April 12, 2021 until further notice and replace any and all previous protocols. These protocols, along with the Cathedral Wedding Guidelines, must be followed in all aspects.

- 1) All persons are required to observe social distancing of six (6) feet. Members of the same household may sit together. The Cathedral will provide ushers to assist and seat all guests according to the protocols to ensure proper social distancing is observed.
- 2) The Entrance Procession and Recessional may take place as long as the proper social distancing of six (6) feet is maintained. Everyone in the processions except the bride and groom and the person escorting the bride, must wear a face covering. The seating of the Mothers may take place.
- 3) The wedding party may line up on the sanctuary steps for the Rite of Marriage as long as the proper social distancing of six (6) feet is maintained and face coverings are worn.
- 4) The bride and groom may remove the face covering only during the Rite of Marriage and the entrance and recessional processions.
- 5) The priest may remove the face covering when speaking from the Altar or ambo.
- 6) The deacon and lector may remove the face covering while speaking at the ambo.
- 7) Persons involved in pictures must wear a face covering before and after the picture is taken. It can be removed when the actual picture is taken.
- 8) The maximum capacity for weddings at the Cathedral has been increased to **125** people including the wedding party. The Celebrant and any Concelebrants, Deacon, musicians, Bride and Groom are not included in that number.
- 9) There is to be no procession of the gifts (offertory procession).
- 10) The Sign of Peace is omitted.
- 11) The priest and the deacon will take Holy Communion to each person at their place in the pew (no Communion procession).
- 12) Congregational singing, including the Responsorial Psalm and the Mass parts, is permitted so long as all members of the gathered community adhere to the requirement of a face covering while inside the Cathedral Basilica.