

WEDDINGS AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thank you for requesting information about a wedding at Trinity Cathedral. The clergy and staff share your joy as you begin making plans for your wedding. We hope this information will help answer some basic questions you may have about a wedding here.

THE SERVICE

The Book of Common Prayer and Canon Law govern weddings in the Episcopal Church. The Prayer Book establishes the liturgy by which a wedding is celebrated. In the Episcopal Church, it is required that:

- ❖ At least one of the parties must be a baptized Christian,
- ❖ The ceremony be attested by at least two witnesses and
- ❖ The wedding must conform to the laws of the State and the canons of this Church.

The celebration and blessing of your wedding is a very important part of the ongoing worship life of the Cathedral community. It takes its place along with Baptisms, Confirmations, weekly celebrations of the Eucharist, and other pastoral offices of the Church. **It is appropriate, therefore, that the wedding follows the worship customs of the Cathedral community.** You are encouraged to spend the six-month time frame before your wedding attending Cathedral services at least three Sundays a month.

The priest who presides has full responsibility and authority for arranging all of the elements of the liturgy.

In the event that there has been a prior marriage and divorce, the priest must consult with the persons involved, and then obtain the consent of the Bishop prior to the solemnization of the wedding. Episcopal approval must be obtained at least 30 days before the proposed date of the wedding.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Pre-Marital Counseling is required of all couples. The purpose of this counseling is to enrich the coming marriage. The counseling is a minimum of three sessions and is usually conducted by the clergy performing the wedding.

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Cathedral clergy will, under normal circumstances, officiate. Visiting Episcopal clergy may request to officiate here by a letter addressed to the Dean. Clergy of other denominations, with permission, may assist the Episcopal priest at the wedding.

MUSIC

Music for weddings at Trinity Cathedral is subject to the same standards and policies as music for any other cathedral service. Only sacred music may be performed and except in rare cases, only members of the cathedral music staff will provide music for wedding ceremonies. The regular fee includes a consultation with the Canon for Music, Art & Worship, and the services of a staff organist for the ceremony (but not for the rehearsal). The musical resources of the cathedral include two organs, a grand piano, a harpsichord, and a professional choir and chamber orchestra. If vocalists or instrumental musicians are required, they can be retained through the Canon for Music, Art & Worship, who can advise you about costs.

Before the consultation, the Canon for Music, Art & Worship can send you a CD or cassette tape of suggested music. When you meet to choose the music, it is helpful if you have already discussed the structure of the service with the clergy. Consider making your wedding a more participatory event by choosing a hymn or two for everyone to sing.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The Sunday altar flower arrangements are available for your ceremony at no additional charge. Their work is known to be appropriate for size, height, etc. for the setting. The arrangements of altar flowers will remain in the Cathedral in thanksgiving of your wedding. Specific flowers (color, type, etc.) may be requested at your expense, but will remain in the Cathedral. Your personal flowers (bouquets, corsages, etc.) may be ordered from any florist also at your expense.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Picture taking is permitted within specified guidelines. Photographs may not be taken during the service by anyone except for the official photographer of the wedding. The photographer must speak with the Wedding Coordinator before the ceremony. As the bridal party comes down the center aisle and the couple returns down the center aisle, flash photographs are permitted. The couple may have formal photographs taken before or after the ceremony within the 2-1/2 hour wedding time allotted. Videotaping is allowed in designated areas of the Cathedral that will be outlined with you by the Wedding Coordinator. You must get permission from the organist before the prelude begins to shoot stills or video from the organ gallery during the wedding.

SCHEDULING

Weddings may not be scheduled on Sundays, Holy Week, and most of the month of December. Major holiday weekends are subject to the discretion of the Dean, and all wedding dates are subject to the availability of clergy.

Weddings may be scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weddings will be scheduled upon receipt of non-refundable deposit. (See FEES for details.)

Weddings will be rescheduled if necessary, but the deposit is non-refundable if you cancel.

FEES

We provide an all-inclusive package. Fees listed include:

- ❖ The use of the Cathedral space 'as-is'.
- ❖ Three sessions of pre-marital counseling
- ❖ Coordination, paperwork
- ❖ Aisle Candles
- ❖ Room to dress
- ❖ Wedding Coordinator
- ❖ Organist
- ❖ Clergy
- ❖ Set-up and clean up
- ❖ Standard leaflet for up to 200 people
- ❖ Parking for up to 125 cars
- ❖ Building support (opening, closing)

Pledging Members or Children of Pledging Members in Good Standing

\$2,000.00

Or

Ten percent of the total cost of the wedding. (This arrangement requires the couple to complete a wedding budget and share it with the clergy prior to final fee determination). But in no event, less than \$700.00

Non-Member

\$3,000.00

Overtime charges will apply at the rate of \$200.00 per half-hour for the use of the Cathedral or Chapel beyond the one-hour allotted time for the rehearsal and two and one-half hour time on the day of the wedding.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 must be received at the time of scheduling. The deposit is applied to the total fee. If a member wedding is cancelled in the context of pre-marital counseling, a portion of the fee may be returned at the discretion of the Dean.

For both members and non-members, there will be additional charges for special music and/or musicians, other personnel, aisle flowers, additional chairs, platform changes and the use of other rooms in Trinity Commons.

All fees are due no later than three (3) weeks prior to the date of the wedding.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Confetti, rice, and birdseed are not permitted on the Cathedral grounds.
- ❖ The Cathedral seats 500 guests. (Additional chairs may be added on the sides at additional cost).
- ❖ The Chapel will accommodate 75 guests with 10 additional chairs that may be added, also at additional cost.
- ❖ A parking lot attendant may be obtained at your expense.
- ❖ Acolytes may be used at your expense.
- ❖ A dressing room is available for the Bridal Party.
- ❖ Runners may not be used in the Cathedral

Please contact the Rev. Kurt Wiesner, at 216-774-0408, with any further questions. As soon as the accompanying Wedding Information Form has been completed and returned with a deposit we will be able to start the process of holding your wedding ceremony in this great Cathedral! One of our clergy will contact you upon receipt of this information.

Once the wedding is booked, the Wedding Coordinator will meet with you to discuss other wedding details.