

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

– Letter to Photographer/Videographer –

The celebration of a wedding at Saint Martin of Tours is a sacred liturgy and a public act of worship. Photography and videography can help preserve the joy of this moment, but must always respect the reverence of the ceremony and the sanctity of the Church. The following guidelines have been established to assist photographers and videographers in fulfilling their role while preserving the integrity of the liturgy.

Please read carefully and speak with the assigned Church Wedding Coordinator in advance if you have any questions.

1. Lighting

All photography and videography must be done using available light. The church's lighting system has been updated and is fully adequate. No floodlights, strobes, or spotlights are permitted at any time.

2. Flash Photography is not allowed during the ceremony itself.

Flash may be used only during:

- The seating of parents
 - The processional (entrance of the bridal party and bride)
 - The recessional (bride and groom exiting the church)
- Flash photography is not allowed during the ceremony itself.

3. Check-In and Conduct

All photographers and videographers must check in with the Wedding Coordinator at least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. Please observe the following:

- Remain discreet and unobtrusive at all times.
- Do not enter the sanctuary or sacristy for any reason.
- Follow all directions provided by the Coordinator or the presiding Priest.

4. Video Placement and Equipment

Video cameras (without lights) are permitted only in designated areas. Check with the Priest and Wedding Coordinator on the day of the wedding. Wireless microphones must not interfere with the church's audio system.

5. Posed Photos After the Ceremony

Following the ceremony, posed photos are permitted for a maximum of 15 minutes.

6. Church Decorations

Decorations already in place in the church may not be moved or rearranged for photos.

7. Equipment Responsibility

Photographers and videographers are responsible for the security and removal of all their equipment.

Thank you for your cooperation in preserving the sacredness of this celebration while helping the couple capture the joy of their day.