

Cathedral of the Risen Christ



Wedding Packet



Christian marriage is a special calling from God to live out the Christian faith. It is a very special vocation. There are spiritual as well as practical preparations that must be performed in order to avoid an unholy atmosphere. This packet is intended to answer frequent questions about weddings and the steps you will be undertaking for your marriage preparation.

AQ

Table of Contents

Policies for the Celebration of Marriage at Cathedral.....	3
Couple’s Check List.....	5
Wedding Coordinator	6
Engaged Encounter.....	7
Natural Family Planning.....	8
Music within the Wedding Liturgy.....	9
A. Soloists & Musicians List.....	10
B. Approved Wedding Music.....	11
C. Organist Consultation Notes	12
Program of Wedding Mass.....	13
Order of Wedding Mass.....	14
Program of Wedding with No Mass.....	15
Order of Wedding with No Mass.....	16
Wedding Party Worksheet	17
Wedding Rehearsal Sheet	18
Sanctuary Flower Request.....	19

POLICIES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AT CATHEDRAL

1. **DOCUMENTS NEEDED:** At least 90 days prior to the marriage:
 - Catholics must furnish a Baptismal Certificate issued within the last six months
 - Pre-Nuptial forms, affidavits and mixed religion forms must be completed at least one month prior to the wedding.
 - An Engaged Encounter or Marriage Prep certificate, and
 - A NFP introduction session certificate needs to be given to the priest before the preparations are completed.
 - The marriage license must be presented to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal.

2. **OFFICIANT:** One of the priests on the Cathedral staff will witness the marriage and offer the Mass. If either of the parties to be married has a priest - brother, uncle or nephew, he may be granted permission to perform the ceremony and offer the Mass, if a request is made. Other priest friends may concelebrate.

3. **MUSIC:** In selecting the music for the wedding ceremony, the couple should consult first with the pastor and then with the parish organist.
 - Only music on the Diocesan list or with approval may be used.
 - The parish organist will play, as he/she is familiar with the liturgical prescriptions of the Church in regard to music.
 - If a soloist is desired, arrangements shall be made through the parish organist. If other musicians are desired this will be discussed with the priest and the parish organist.

4. **REHEARSAL:** Rehearsal time can be set only within the four months prior to the wedding. Rehearsal must begin on time and decorum of the participants should be suited to the House of God.

5. **DECORATIONS:** The extent of floral and candle decorations, whether in the Sanctuary or the main aisle, should be within reason;
 - The decorations shall not obstruct the altar.
 - No bows or greenery shall be attached to the altar candles or taped to wedding pews. All pew decorations **MUST** be attached only to plastic caps that can be obtained from the coordinator.
 - Use of an aisle runner is prohibited in as much as it poses a safety hazard.

Couples that plan a wedding during Lent or Advent will follow the guidelines for decorations during these liturgical seasons. During Advent and Lent we do not have any flowers in the Cathedral and decorations are very simple.

6. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Non-flash photographs may be taken during the ceremony provided they are not disruptive.
 - Before the ceremony, customary pictures may be taken. We do encourage the custom of taking posed pictures before the ceremony with the understanding that the ceremony itself may not be delayed. Special emphasis should be given to respectful conduct during the photo sessions.
 - A quiet and respectful attitude by the entire wedding party is necessary since the Cathedral has a perpetual adoration program (there is someone praying in the Church every hour of the day). **If at any time during the pictures before the wedding the noise level is deemed by the priest to be too loud, you will be given one warning, if the level does not change the decision may be made to turn the lights off and the wedding party could be asked to finish their pictures in another location.**
 - Due to the numerous events that are held in the Cathedral pictures may begin at 1:00 pm for a 3:00 pm wedding on Saturday and they may begin at 6:00 pm for a 7:00 or 7:30 pm wedding on Saturday evening. For other wedding times consult with the priest preparing you for a time to begin pictures.

- The processional is not to be delayed by pictures of attendants.
- The photographer may not be in the main aisle at any time during the procession.
- Video cameras must remain stationary in designated areas.

7. STIPENDS: Stipends must be received **no later than 24 hours before** your ceremony.

- Please include a check or cash in the amount of \$350 for use of the church and wedding coordinator services (\$370 if altar servers are needed).
- \$125 Organist
- \$125 Soloist (if used)

8. RICE, CONFETTI, ETC. The Cathedral does not allow, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, etc., to be thrown on the Church property following weddings. If balloons are released, they cannot be filled in the Church, or taken into the Church at any time.

9. READINGS: The couple will select from the Official Rite of Marriage the readings, prayers and vows. If a Saturday evening wedding is planned the liturgy for Sunday is used. The Priest preparing you for marriage will provide a ceremony booklet.

10. ATTENDANTS: A maximum of ten attendants, including the maid/matron of honor and the best man is allowed.

11. FLOWER GIRL/RING BEARER: These individuals must be at least five years of age.

12. CANDLE LIGHTERS: Only servers shall light all candles (except Unity candle) in accord with their customary roles as ministers.

About the Bride's Room

The Bride's room, in Rector's Hall, located downstairs, is for the convenience of the wedding party to prepare for the ceremony.

Any items that you use must be out of the Bride's room 30 minutes before the ceremony. This room will be locked after the ceremony begins and will not be available afterward. Your party is responsible for their possessions

The Rehearsal

Please bring the following items to the rehearsal:

- Wedding Rehearsal Sheet (for coordinator)
- Marriage License
- Guest book
- Unity Candle
- Envelope with Stipends

Couple's Check List

- 1) His___ Hers___ Baptismal certificates to the Priest?
- 2) ___ Engaged Encounter certificate returned to your Priest?
- 3) ___ Natural Family Planning certificate returned to your Priest?
- 4) His___ Hers___ Affidavit of Freedom to Marry forms completed?
- 5) ___ Civil license applied for one month in advance of the Wedding?
- 6) ___ Pick up civil license two or three weeks before rehearsal.
- 7) ___ Prenuptial dinner? ___ When, where? ___ Priest notified?
- 8) ___ Wedding party notified of rehearsal time, place, proper attire, and behavior?
- 9) ___ Best man and maid/matron of honor know to go to Sacristy after Wedding?
- 10) ___ Musicians paid in advance?
- 11) ___ Offering for Church given to the Wedding Coordinator at rehearsal (fee for Wedding Coordinator, offering for servers, and offering for Priest)?
- 12) ___ Clean-up crew organized?
- 13) ___ Photographer notified of specific policies?
- 14) ___ Does Priest need to make any announcement at the end of the Wedding?
- 15) ___ Write questions down for pre-marriage instruction or rehearsal.
- 16) ___ A resolution that you will keep God in your marriage.
- 17) ___ Say a prayer for a great day and that all goes well!

**As a parish, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
May you have a happy and holy marriage!**

Wedding Coordinator

We have an on-site wedding coordinator at the Cathedral to assist you and your wedding party during your rehearsal and ceremony. The wedding coordinator will direct florists, photographers, videographers, and members of your wedding party. From set-up, to organizing ushers and family, this will help to make your wedding day effortless. Also, the coordinator will be behind the scenes for the entire event so everyone is able to enjoy the day stress free.

We hope that your wedding day will be just as you imagined and allow you to prayerfully focus on this blessed sacrament.

Our coordinator will be assigned to your wedding and will contact you to help and advise you on the details of your ceremony.

Sincerely,

Lori Barr, Wedding Coordinator
402-202-3939
dmlbarr@msn.com

Church office: 402-488-0948

Engaged Encounter

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on your engagement! You have decided to give yourselves to each other totally in Christian marriage. You will be committing yourselves to a special relationship that is to be faithful and fruitful. God will bless the bond to be established by your exchange of vows making it a holy and unbreakable covenant.

The Catholic Church provides Engaged Encounter weekends to help you to prepare well for married life. The weekend will help you to deepen your relationship with one another and with God, while growing in your understanding of what Christian marriage is all about. Married couples will make presentations on various topics after which you will be given time to discuss important issues together as a couple.

The happiest and most successful marriages are those in which God plays an important role. You will hear about the manifold ways that God strengthens and sustains couples in their vocation to marriage.

May your Engaged Encounter weekend bring you closer to one another and to the Lord. Please be assured of the prayers of the Engaged Encounter Community as you spend this privileged time together.

~ Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Director of the Family Life Office for the Lincoln Diocese

To register on-line and access available dates, please visit

<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/marriage-family/engaged-encounter>

Natural Family Planning

Dear Friends,

As part of your preparation for marriage, you will attend a presentation that gives a basic overview of how couples can use natural family planning (NFP) as a method to either achieve or avoid pregnancy. NFP is a very reliable, morally acceptable way for a couple to make procreative choices that are completely in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. NFP is also a healthy alternative to using artificial birth control, which may have serious side effects on a woman's reproductive system. An added benefit is that NFP can help physicians identify and treat conditions such as PMS, ovarian cysts, irregular cycles, and many other women's health condition.

~ Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Director of the Family Life Office for the Lincoln Diocese

To register for a Natural Family Planning Group Introductory Session hosted by the Lincoln FertilityCare™ Center Diocese of Lincoln, please register online at:

<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp/introductory-sessions-for-nfp>.

There is \$35 charge to attend the Group Introductory Session. Space is limited, so please register 3-6 months in advance.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Svagera, the Coordinator and Responsible Practitioner at 402-473-0630 or at jennifer-svagera@cdolinc.org.

Music within the Wedding Liturgy

Cathedral of the Risen Christ

Lincoln, Nebraska

The doctrine on music in the Liturgy of the Catholic Church states that music should never become the “goal” of a musician(s)” The doctrine states that music should only serve to enhance and uplift the people and help bring them to prayer.

For this reason, music in and of itself cannot become the focal point in any Liturgy in the Catholic Church, and especially during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

In keeping with the doctrine of the Church, and in order to focus on the Sacraments being celebrated during the wedding Liturgy, the Cathedral has chosen to have all musicians perform their ministry to the people from behind the screen, rather than on the altar platform.

Besides the reason stated above, technically it is very difficult, and in some cases impossible to work with a soloist or group with the organ being so far away from the altar platform area.

Contact Dave Schmdit at dschmidt1@neb.rr.com or 402-890-6103 to schedule your music consultation.

Soloists & Musicians List

The following is a listing of soloists and instrumentalists that are approved to sing or perform for liturgies at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Each of these people are well trained musicians and will enhance your wedding liturgy.

Female Vocal

Sandy Danek
Lisette Deemer
Hannah Jo Smith
Ellen Soukup

Male Vocal

John Soukup

Male / Female Duet

John & Ellen Soukup

Brass Group

The Plymouth Brass
Contact: Tom Kelly

Trumpet

Tom Kelly

Strings (Solo / Duo / Quartet)

The Summit String Quartet
Contact: Kim Salistean

APPROVED WEDDING MUSIC

VOCAL

You can listen to samples of Wedding music on-line at: www.prestantmusic.com

<i>TITLE</i>	<i>COMPOSER/SOURCE</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>COMPOSER/SOURCE</i>
A Blessing	Marchionda	Love of the Lord, The	Bell (duet*)
All Good Gifts	Claudius (Choral Praise)	Love One Another*	Cotter
All I Ask of You	(G&P Hymnal)	Love Which Never Ends	Sands (JS #543)
And On This Day	English	Love Will Be Our Home	
At the Table of Christ Jesus	Haugen	Make Us One	Liles (duet**)
Author of Love	Clark (duet**)	My Prayer for You	Howard
<i>Ave Maria</i>	Gounod/Bach (<i>latin</i>)	Mystery of Love, The	Onan/Jobe
Ave Maria	G & P (new-english)	Name of God, The	Haas
<i>Ave Maria</i>	Schubert (<i>latin</i>)	No Longer Two*	Haas
Because You are God's Chosen Ones		On Eagles Wings	Haas
Beginning Today	(G&P hymnal)	One Bread, One Body	Foley
Blessing Prayer	Haas	Only God Could Love You More	Liles/Borup
Blessing Song	Jernigan	Open My Eyes	Manibusan (JS #448)
Blest Are They*	Haas	Our Sacred Pledge	Terry
Blest Are Those Who Love You	Haugen	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	Franck (<i>latin</i>)
Bread of Life	Cooney	Parents Prayer	Davis
Bridal Prayer	Copeland	Prayer, The**	Sager & Foster
Bound in Love	Cooper	Prayer of St. Francis	Temple
By the Waking of Our Hearts Manalo (S&S #105)		Presence of Jesus	Haas (Who Calls You**)
Charity		Rainbow	Ducote
Christ Be Our Light	Farrell (JS #887)	Remember Me	(duet**)
Communion Song	McGuire	Servant Song	McGargill (JS #597)
Come to the Lord	(S&S #151)	Servant Song, The*	Gillard
Cross of Love, The	Zaragoza	Seek First the Kingdom of God*	Haas
Doubly Good To You	Mullins	Seek Ye First	Lafferty (JS #544)
Faith, Hope & Love*	Haas	Shepherd of My Heart	Cont. Low Voice
Gather Your People	Hurd (S&S #111)	Sing to the Mountains	Dufford (JS #544)
Gift of Love, The	(Hopson) (duet*)	Taste & See	Moore (Miss.)
God, A Woman A Man	Green/Williams	That's the Way	Terr
God Be With You*	Haas	There Is One Body*	Cotter
God Beyond Glory*	Iona Community	This Is the Day	Brown
Goodness of God, The	Haas	This Is the Day	Joncas (JS #618)
Greatest Gift, The	Marchionda	This Is the Day	Garrett (JS #588)
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	Landry (JS #739)	This Is the Day	Soper (JS #323)
Hear Us Now, Our God & Father	Prichard (Choral Praise)	This Is the Day	Schoenbachler (JS #311)
He Has Chosen You For Me	Terry	Time for Building Bridges, A	
Here I Am, Lord	Schutte (JS #528)	Time for Joy	Limpic
Here in This Place	Haas (duet**)	Today We Celebrate	Cortez
Household of Faith	Rosasco	Treasures	
How Beautiful	Paris	Two Candles	Salsbury
I Could Never Promise You F	rancisco	<i>Ubi Caritas</i>	<i>Latin</i> trad.
I Have Loved You	Joncas (JS #119)	Ubi Caritas	Rosania
I Will Choose Christ	Booth (S&S #119)	United As One	Alstott (JS #538)
In Love We Choose to Live*	Cotter	Unity Candle Song	Haan
In the Breaking of the Bread	Hurd (JS #533)	We Are Many Parts	
In This House	Hill (JS #526)	We Are One Body	Scallon
In This Place	Thomsen (S&S # 122)	We Have Been Told*	Haas
In This Very Room	Harris	We, The Body of Christ	Cooney
Irish Blessing	traditional	We Will Serve the Lord*	Cotter/Haas
Jesus, Be With Us Now	Haas	Wedding Prayer	Dunlap
Join Us Now		When Love Is Found*	O Waly Waly
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Handel	Where There Is Love*	Haas
Lead Me, Lord	Becker (JS #655)	Wherever You Go*	Haas
Let Heaven Rejoice	Dufford (JS #638)	Wherever You Go	Norbert (JS #636)
Let There Be Peace on Earth	(JS # 565)	Will All I Am	Nelson/Perna (S&S #212)
Lord of All Hopefulness	Smith (S&S #127)	You Are Mine	Haas (Miss.)
Love Never Fails	Haas	You Are Near	Schutte (JS #528)
Love Never Fails	Bach/Sky/Jordan		

Please use the space below to make notes so you can tell the organist the pieces you do and don't like when you come to your consultation.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____
- 16. _____
- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

Program Wedding Mass

Prelude

Seating of Grandparents (Song Title Opt)

Seating of Parents (Song Title Opt)

Processional Songs Listed Optional

(Attendants)

(Bride and Father)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Old Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Responsorial Psalm (Bible Verses Opt)

Second Reading: New Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts (Song Listed)

Or Offertory Gifts

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

(Flower to Mothers or Mary- Optional)

Communion (Song Listed)

Lighting of Unity Candle (Optional)

(Song Listed Optional)

(Flowers to Mary- Optional)

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Recessional (Song Title Opt)

Postlude

Wedding Party

Celebrant or Officiant

*(Altar Servers- if Family or Optional)

Parents

Grandparents

Matron/Maid of Honor

Bridesmaids

Jr. Bridesmaid

Flower Girl (s) (or after Groomsmen with Ring Bearer)

Best Man

Groomsman

Jr. Groomsman

Ring Bearer

Ushers

*Altar Servers (if Family or Optional)

Communion or Offertory Gifts (Optional)

Reader(s) (Optional)

Programs (Optional)

Guest Book (Optional)

Gift Attendants (Optional)

Bells/Bubbles (Optional)

Host Couples (Optional)

Musician(s) (Optional)

Videographer (if Family-Optional)

Personal Attendant (Optional)

Cake Cutters (Optional)

Any other Family members (Optional)

(Directions to Reception)

Order of Wedding Mass

Marriage Within Mass

Entrance Procession

Grandparents Song: _____
Parents
Groom and Priest
Wedding Attendants Song: _____
Ring Bearer/Flower Girl
Bride and Father (or other) Song: _____

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalms: _____ Read/Sung by: _____

Second Reading (New Testament): _____ Read By: _____

Alleluia Verse: _____ Sung By: _____ Omitted: _____

Gospel: _____

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing of Vows

(# _____)

Prayers of the Faithful

(Read by _____)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts or Offertory Gifts Song: _____ Sung by: _____

The Lords Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (Optional- Flowers to Mother or Mary)

Communion Song: _____ Sung by: _____

Lighting of Unity Candle

(Song: _____ Sung By: _____)

(Optional Flowers to Mary)

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Recessional (Optional- Song Listed: _____)

Postlude

Program Wedding with No Mass

Prelude

Seating of Grandparents (Song Title Opt)

Seating of Parents (Song Title Opt)

Processional (Songs Listed Optional)

(Attendants)

(Bride and Father)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Old Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Responsorial Psalm (Bible Verses Opt)

Second Reading: New Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Lighting of the Unity Candle?*

Prayers of the Faithful

**Lighting of the Unity Candle?*

(Song Listed Optional)

(Flowers to Mary here-Optional)

Concluding Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (Optional)

Flower to Mothers or Mary (Optional)

**Lighting of Unity Candle?*

Final Blessing

Recessional (Song Title Opt)

Postlude

(*Lighting of the Unity Candle can be in any of these three places)

Wedding Party

Celebrant or Officiant

*(Altar Servers- if Family or Optional)

Parents

Grandparents

Matron/Maid of Honor

Bridesmaids

Jr. Bridesmaid

Flower Girl (s) (or after Groomsmen with Ring Bearer)

Best Man

Groomsmen

Jr. Groomsmen

Ring Bearer

Ushers

Reader(s) (Optional)

Programs (Optional)

Guest Book (Optional)

Gift Attendants (Optional)

Bells/Bubbles (Optional)

Host Couples (Optional)

Musician(s) (Optional)

Videographer (if Family-Optional)

Personal Attendant (Optional)

Cake Cutters (Optional)

Any other Family you want listed

Deceased Family members

(Personal Thank-You)

(Directions to Reception)

Order of Wedding with No Mass

Marriage Outside Mass

Entrance Procession

Grandparents Song: _____
Parents
Groom and Priest
Wedding Attendants Song: _____
Ring Bearer/Flower Girl
Bride and Father (or other) Song: _____

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalms: _____ Read/Sung by: _____

Second Reading (New Testament): _____ Read By: _____

Alleluia Verse: _____ Sung By: _____ Omitted: _____

Gospel: _____

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Lighting of Unity Candle?*

Prayers of the Faithful

(# _____) (Read by _____)

Conclusion of the Celebration

**Lighting of Unity Candle?*

The Lords Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (Optional- Flowers to Mother or Mary)

**Lighting of Unity Candle?* Unity Candle Song: _____ Sung By: _____
(Optional- Flowers to Mary)

Final Blessing

Recessional (Optional- Song Listed: _____)

Postlude

*Unity Candle can be in any of three places.

Wedding Party Worksheet

Grandparents of Groom _____ escorted by _____
_____ escorted by _____
Grandparents of Bride _____ escorted by _____
_____ escorted by _____

Parents of Groom _____ Mother escorted by _____
_____ Mother escorted by _____
Parents of Bride _____ Mother escorted by _____

Flower Girl _____ Age ____ Ring Bearer _____ Age ____

Bridesmaids

Groomsmen

Maid of Honor _____ Best Man _____

Bride Escorted by _____

Ushers _____

Celebrant _____

Guest Book _____ Programs _____

Readers _____

Personal Attendant _____

Host Couples _____

The Wedding Rehearsal

Bring to Rehearsal:

- Wedding Rehearsal Sheet filled out
- Marriage License
- Copies of Readings
- Stipends for Church, Altar Servers (2x\$ 10), and Priest
- Items to leave in the Bride's Room overnight

Grandparents

Groom

Escorted by

Bride

Escorted by

Parents of the Groom

Mother of the Bride

Bridesmaids

Groomsmen

6 _____

5 _____

4 _____

3 _____

2 _____

Maid of Honor

Best Man

1 _____

Flowergirl(s)

Ringbearer

BRIDE

Escorted by _____

SANCTUARY FLOWER REQUEST

In the event you want to leave a floral arrangement from your wedding to be used for the weekend Masses, please complete this form.

Return this form to Cathedral P.C.C.W. ~ Attention Flower Committee, 3500 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68506.

Questions: call Darlene Blankenau at 402-489-5174.

NOTE: Forms must be received at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding date.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Date of Marriage: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN

Message: (Select and Complete on message below for the Sunday Bulletin)

“The Flowers today are given to the glory of God.... (The first line is standard).

*And in Honor of _____

From _____

*And in Celebration of _____

From _____