

## Preparation to Celebrate de Sacrament of Marriage

### Wedding Day/Dress Code (Wedding Party)

**P**lease instruct your wedding party to arrive at the church at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the ceremony. Also, please make certain that the dress code in the church is formal. The limit of couples for your wedding party is seven (7) bridesmaids and seven (7) groomsmen; the main focus should be on the couple and their sacramental encounter with Jesus. In addition, there are to be no more than four (4) children in the wedding party, and those children are to be over five years of age. Please do not chew gum, eat nor drink at the rehearsal or at the ceremony. This applies to the entire wedding party and to your guests.

*Dress Code/Wedding party*—Bride and bridesmaids' dresses must be of a modest cut (no sleeveless, no bare shoulders, no strapless dresses and no cleavage) because of the sacredness of the church. Shawls are permitted as long as they are not transparent. Groom & groomsman must wear formal dress attire (no jeans, saggy pants, no sandals, etc.). Formal dress shoes are required, no tennis shoes please.

### Rehearsal Day/Dress Code

**T**he church is the House of God. Therefore, respectful behavior is expected at all times, even at the wedding rehearsals. Please avoid any unnecessary socializing or loud conversations. *No food or gum allowed.* An upscale-casual dress code and punctuality must be observed at the rehearsal day (Women: no beach sandals, no shorts, no miniskirts, no sleeveless blouses or revealing clothing, no jeans, no hats etc. Men: No shorts, no beach sandals, no sleeveless shirts, no jeans, nor saggy pants, etc.); you must be on time for the rehearsal—if the family is late, time cannot be compensated.

Only thirty (30) minutes per rehearsal. All members of the wedding party are expected to attend. Please be in the church fifteen (15) minutes before rehearsal. Any tardiness will reduce your available rehearsal time.