

# ***Cathedral of Christ the King Guidelines for Flowers and Decorations***

It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to ensure that these guidelines are followed.

## **Flowers**

The wedding sanctuary facility fee includes the use of the Cathedral's flowers in place for the week's masses and ceremonies. New floral arrangements are displayed each week and typically installed on Friday. The Cathedral Flower Guild determines the color and flower types used in the altar flowers consistent with Holy Days within the Liturgical Year. When there is no specific Holy Day (or special ceremony) the colors and types of flowers or other adornments are chosen by the Cathedral Flower Guild.

The Cathedral Flower Guild tries to choose colors that are compatible with all the brides' colors for that day. If there is not a compatible color white is typically used. However, in any event, due to the complexity of color shades and variations, the Cathedral Flower Guild gives no assurances/commitments to specific flower colors or types.

Brides may choose to supplement the Cathedral's main altar arrangements with additional flowers. They may be placed on the side altars, on pillars (supplied by your florist), or elsewhere in the sanctuary, as space is available so long as the sanctity of the Cathedral is maintained. Florists must have the decorations complete thirty minutes before the time of the wedding as we begin to seat guests at that time. Any supplemental flowers must be removed by the couple immediately following the ceremony.

Flowers for the wedding party should be delivered to the Bride's Room on the lower level of the Cathedral. To locate the Bride's Room, enter the front desk area through the double doors on the ground floor. Pass the double doors at the front desk and turn left – the Bride's Room will be in front of you.

We suggest the florist follow these time arrangements:

**Noon Wedding** Flowers in place in sanctuary and pew bows in nave 11:15 am. Deliver boutonnieres, corsages and bouquets to Bride's Room at 10:30 am

**2 PM Wedding** Flowers in place in sanctuary and pew bows in nave 1:15 pm. Deliver boutonnieres, corsages and bouquets to bride's room at 12:30 pm.

**7:00 PM Wedding** Flowers in place in sanctuary and pew bows in nave 6:15 pm. Deliver boutonnieres, corsages and bouquets to bride's room at 5:30 pm.

## **Cathedral Flower Guild Contacts:**

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### **Candles**

The candles on both the High Altar and the Communal Altar will be lit for your ceremony. Your florist may supply additional candelabra on the altar, but all candles MUST BE dripleless. Tapers MUST BE encased. Candles along the aisle are not allowed unless on candelabrum (i.e., they can not sit on the floor). You are responsible for ensuring any candelabrum brought from an outside source are removed immediately following your ceremony.

### **Pew Decorations**

If used, ribbon, or a length of tulle, may be tied around the end of the pew to attach a flower arrangement or other decoration; no tacks, staples, tape or putty may be used on pews, walls or furnishings; shedding greenery or candles are not allowed on the pews. Anything used to attach flowers to the ribbon/tulle should be covered in fabric so as to protect the pews. In addition, no decorations may block entrance or exit from either side of the pews or any aisle. All pew decorations must be removed by the florist or their representative immediately after the ceremony, and any cleanup necessary due to removing the pew decorations must be done by same. You will be held fully responsible for any damage to the pews or other furnishings as a result of non-compliance with the instructions given.

### **Outside Wedding Décor**

Decorations are allowed on entry doors, both exterior and interior, however no tacks, staples, nails or other implements that may harm the wood may be used. There are hooks in place. Due to liability issues, no rice, balloons, birdseed, sparklers, confetti, etc., may be used inside or outside of the Cathedral. Any requests for other decorations must be requested through the Wedding Guild and approved by the Rector. If approved, decorations must be removed immediately following the ceremony.

### **Flower Girls and Ring Bearers**

Due to liability issues, flower petals, real or artificial, may not be strewn on the floors of the Sanctuary or Chapel or anywhere on the Cathedral property. They may carry flowers – as a bouquet or in a basket. Otherwise, if you choose to have a flower girl in your wedding party, her role is to be strictly symbolic. The same is true for ring bearers. The rings to be used for the ceremony may not be attached to the ring bearer's pillow. The rings should be given to the Wedding Guild prior to the wedding so that they can be placed on the altar. The minimum suggested age for both flower girls and ring bearers is age four. Under no circumstance, may either the flower girl or the ring bearer carry any signs – announcing the arrival of the bride, saying "Just Married," providing "Ring Security," or the like.

The Cathedral of Christ the King reserves the right to ask the florist or anyone involved with the wedding party who violates these rules to either correct these violations immediately or to leave the premises. No exceptions will be made.