

## WEDDING AGREEMENT FORM

In having our wedding at Christ Cathedral, we understand and agree to the following:

1. The church is a sacred place and we realize not all of our family and friends may be Catholic; however, Christ Cathedral Parish asks that food, drinks, and gum are not brought into the church. We understand that the dress code requires modest clothes that are in good condition. \_\_\_\_ (Groom's initials) \_\_\_\_ (Bride's initials)
2. We understand that music for our wedding will be provided by Christ Cathedral Staff Musicians and that we will work with the Music Ministry, represented by Lauren McCaul or the Vietnamese Conductors Group, to choose liturgically appropriate song selections. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
3. Final reading selections and special requests are due two (2) months before the wedding. NO changes will be made on the day of the wedding. We will select the readings from the "Together for Life" book provided at the Wedding Orientation and send the readings via email to our assigned priest/deacon and wedding coordinator. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
4. We understand that, because liturgical ministers represent the Church, individuals who read at Mass must be practicing the Catholic faith and not be living in public situations that contradict Church teaching. If we do not know anyone who meets requirements, the Church will provide lectors on our behalf and we will inform our assigned wedding coordinator. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
5. We understand that the Unity Candle is no longer permitted as part of the Mass per the Diocese of Orange. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
6. We understand that no aisle runners, bubbles, confetti, rice, or flower petals (real or fake) are allowed during or after the ceremony. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
7. We understand that in a Catholic wedding, we are not permitted to write our own vows and will choose one of the traditional wedding vows found on pgs. 90-92 in the "Together for Life" book. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
8. We understand that if we have answered questions on our premarital investigation inaccurately or deceitfully, and it is later discovered that we cannot validly contract a marriage with our intended spouse, Christ Cathedral reserves the right to cancel or postpone the wedding. The church will not be liable for any costs of our other wedding plans. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
9. We understand that while Christ Cathedral will help us to prepare for our marriage, it is ultimately our responsibility to follow up and ensure the marriage preparation and paperwork are being completed. All marriage paperwork, including a marriage license (or certificate if we are already civilly married) should be submitted to the Cathedral two (2) months prior to the wedding ceremony \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
10. We understand that if we have a priest or deacon from outside the Diocese of Orange officiating our wedding, he must provide a letter of good standing two (2) months prior to the wedding ceremony. In addition, the priest must sign the "Christ Cathedral Agreement for Visiting Clergy for Weddings" form. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)
11. We understand that children in the wedding party, such as flower girls and ring bearers, must be at least 6 years old to ensure they can fulfill these significant roles. Unfortunately, younger children are not permitted to participate in these capacities. \_\_\_\_ (GI) \_\_\_\_ (BI)

### For Mass and Liturgy, please sign below:

We agree to follow all of the guidelines as stated and explained within them. Furthermore, we acknowledge our responsibilities under church and civil law for our wedding to take place at Christ Cathedral. We also understand that it is our responsibility to inform others involved in the ceremony (e.g. florists, photographers) about the relevant guidelines in their participation.

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_