

## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION – THE WEDDING SERVICE**

### **A. CHECK LIST**

- 1) Get vested in the “Storage Room” – use white cincture/rope/belt – Look into the mirror and make sure your collar is not sticking out and that you are neatly dressed.
- 2) Say a prayer (a prayer for servers is posted in the Storage Room)
- 3) Light the candles on the altar.
- 4) Go into the Sacristy and take out the bucket of Holy Water and the ring tray. Place the Holy Water Bucket in front of the altar. Place the ring tray on the altar.
- 5) Line up when the priest is ready to begin.

### **B. THE SERVICE**

- 1) Process up the aisle with the priest. When arriving at the front of the altar, make sure you split up and leave a space for the priest.
- 2) After genuflecting or bowing to the altar, turn around and face the congregation. The bridal party and the bride will process up the aisle.
- 3) After the priest welcomes the bride and groom, he sends them to their seats. Servers will bow to the altar, bear right and proceed to the bench behind the Presidential Chair. One server will come forward to hold the book.
- 4) After the Opening Prayer, Mass continues with the First, Second readings, Gospel, Homily.
- 5) The priest will return to his seat. When he stands, follow him to the front of the altar. One server will hold the bucket of Holy Water while the other one holds the tray for the rings.
- 6) After the Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Vows, the server with the tray will hold up the tray to the best man who will then place the rings onto the tray. The priest will bless the rings and the bride and groom will exchange their rings.
- 7) After the ceremony, the priest may hand one of the servers the bride’s bouquet – server is to receive the bouquet and come to the seat where the bride will return. She and her new husband will burn the unity candle. After they return to their seat, server will hand the bouquet back to the bride. Server will then return to his/her seat. The prayer of Intercession follows.
- 8) The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer.
- 9) After the Lord’s Prayer, one server may come down to the bottom step with the priest in order to hold his book for the Nuptial Blessing.
- 10) The service continues with the Sign of Peace.
- 11) If there is a Presentation of bouquet to the Blessed Mother, the priest may take the bride’s bouquet and hand it to one of the servers.

- 12) The bride and groom will come before Mary. After the Ave Maria, they will return to the center. The server holding the bouquet will hand the bride her bouquet back.
- 13) The priest will hand the book to the book bearer and he will pray over the bride and groom. After he finishes he will send the bride and groom down the aisle. Servers remain standing until the priest turns around and genuflects. Servers will lead the priest down the aisle.
- 14) The priest will return to the Sacristy while the other servers will process back to the credence table where they will extinguish/blow out all the candles and pick up the Holy Water Bucket, Ring Tray and bring all of them back to the Sacristy.