

Congratulations, you're getting married! You and/or your parents are members of Holy Apostles parish and you'd like to get married in church. What should you do next?

- Secure your wedding date and make an appointment with the Pastor.
- Meet with Father Dave. At that meeting, you will receive a small book titled: Together For Life.
- Use that book to choose your readings. Listen to organists and soloists at weekend Masses. Choose an organist and a soloist.
- Contact the Music and Liturgy Office four months before your wedding to arrange a meeting with the two of you and the organist and soloist. Except in emergencies, this meeting involves the bride and groom. Weddings have been planned using e-mail with a bride who was serving in Iraq. Several other weddings have been planned over the phone with brides who live out of state. Brides who are busy with work and/or school will need to make this meeting a priority. I assume that mothers of the bride have already chosen music for their own wedding and want to give their daughters the same opportunity.
- . At this meeting, all the music for your ceremony will be chosen. In order to do this, you will need to bring your Together For Life book with the readings you have chosen clearly marked. If there is a piece of music that you would like to be included in your ceremony, bring along the title and composer's name or the CD or the score. Remember: sacred music for a sacred space. Popular music that does not speak of God is appropriate at your reception. Most couples come to this meeting with no specific music in mind and that's fine. You will listen to many selections and choose from among them at the meeting. This process usually takes 30-45 minutes.
- After the meeting, documents will be prepared and e-mailed to you. The Music and Liturgy office will provide one copy of the printed Order of Worship booklet. You will be responsible for choosing special paper and duplicating it for your guests to use in the pew at your ceremony.
- The organist and soloist do not attend the rehearsal. Father Dave needs quiet in order to give directions during your rehearsal.

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