

# **GUIDELINES FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEO OPERATORS**

Welcome to the Richmond Catholic Parish.

Marriage ministry is an important part of our work in this parish. The marriage liturgy is enhanced by a respectful reverence by all those who attend the services in one of our churches.

Photographers are asked to adhere to the following guidelines in order to respect the integrity and centrality of the marriage liturgy:

- No photographer or video operator is to enter the carpeted sanctuary area unless invited by the marriage celebrant.
- Avoid distracting the bridal couple at any stage during the service itself.
- Family and close friends wish to witness the celebration without their field of sight being interrupted, therefore please do not move in front of the front rows of the congregation.
- During the readings from scripture and prayers said by the priest and other chosen family members, please avoid distracting the congregation.
- At the signing of the marriage certificate, please allow the celebrant to complete what is required before responding to his invitation to take photos after the signing.

We expect photographers and video operators to follow these guidelines and the directions of the celebrant during the celebration of the sacred marriage liturgy.