



Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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Notice to Photographers – updated 7/15/2014

We ask that photographers respect the dignity of the sacrament of marriage and the holiness of the commitment that couples are celebrating. Therefore, the photographer is expected to abide by the following guidelines and do nothing that will distract from the ceremony itself.

Before the Ceremony Including the Procession

1. Photographers should not move about in a distracting manner during the ceremony.
2. There are to be no pictures taken in the altar area of the church prior to the wedding. However, pictures may be taken outside the church.
3. During the entrance procession, a photographer may sit or kneel in the front open pew on either side of the church. In a discreet manner, they can photograph the procession until the Bride approaches the altar. At that point, the photographer must discreetly move to a side aisle.
4. During the procession, the photographer **must not** ask the parties in procession to stop for pictures. All pictures of the procession must be done on the move.

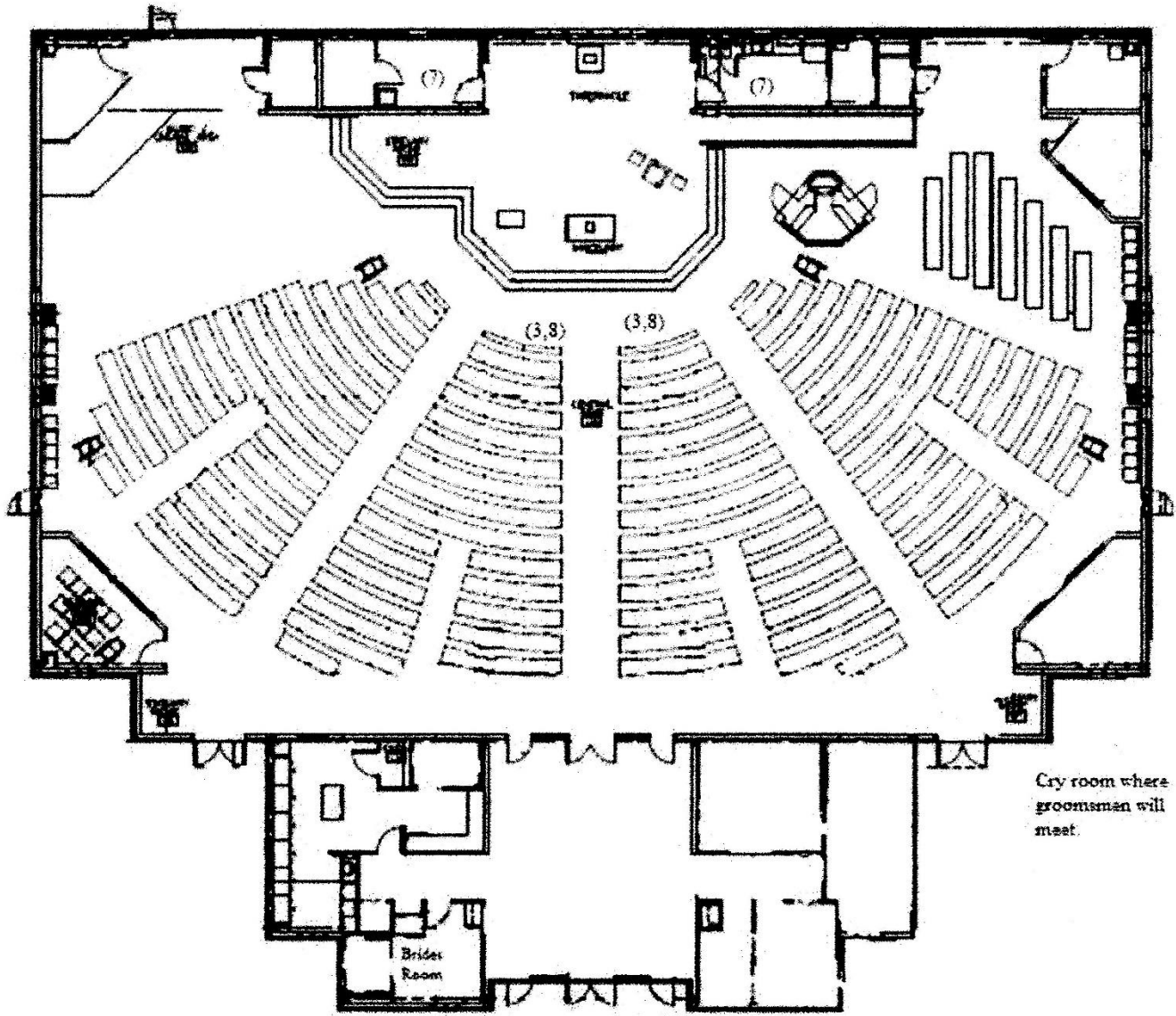
During the Ceremony

5. Movement of photographers should be restricted to the side aisles and should be kept to a minimum.
6. To keep the focus on the Mass, the wedding ceremony, and the Bride and Groom, **no photos may be taken from anywhere in the sanctuary** during the ceremony. The sanctuary is the area on or above the bottom step, across the front of the church, and includes the side altar areas.
7. A photographer may take pictures from the work sacristy area provided that the operator remains in the work sacristy for the duration of the ceremony.
8. A photographer may take pictures of the exchange of vows by kneeling near the first pew in the center aisle of the church.
9. No flash photos may be taken during the homily or during the Eucharistic Prayer, the consecration, or Communion Process during Mass.

After the Ceremony

10. All pictures of the wedding party must be completed **twenty (20) minutes** after the wedding.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED DIAGRAM OF THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO THESE GUIDELINES



PLEASE DETACH THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP

Please complete the following and return *at least two weeks before the wedding* to Mary, Queen of Peace, 1501 W. Causeway approach, Mandeville, LA 70471. I agree to abide by these rules

Studio Name, Address, and Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wedding Couple: _____ Wedding Date: _____