



St. George's Cathedral

CSI DIOCESE OF MADRAS

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PASTORAL GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL

- 1 The Bridegroom should arrive not less than 15 minutes before the service and the Bride not less than 10 minutes before the arranged time of the wedding service.
- 2 The Bride and the Bridegroom along with the Best man and the Bridesmaid are invited to the 7.00 am Holy Eucharist on the day of the wedding and after the service there will be a rehearsal at 7.50 am and the rehearsal will end at 8.30 am.
- 3 Only the authorised texts can be used in the Order of Service. A copy can be had from the Cathedral office or the Presbyter. The Presbyter should approve the 'print ready' format of the Wedding Order of Service before it is printed. The printed Song sheet/Order of service should be available at the Cathedral one hour before the service.
- 4 The Bishop in Madras or the Cathedral Presbyter will solemnise the wedding. The Cathedral Presbyter should be informed if there are presbyters from the CSI Diocese of Madras who are going to attend the wedding.
- 5 Permission should be sought from the Bishop in Madras, if Presbyters / Bishops from other Dioceses of the CSI would like to participate in the service.
- 6 Only two photographers (one video and one still) will be permitted during the service. The photographers can record only from the designated area. We will ensure that the sanctity of worship is maintained in the Cathedral.
- 7 **If the wedding reception is held in the Cathedral grounds:**
 - The Wedding parties should note that the Cathedral is a place of prayer and the facilities of the Cathedral should be used with this in mind.
 - An amount of Rs.4000/- will be collected at the time of making the booking for cleaning the Cathedral premises after the wedding.
 - The use of plastic tumblers/cups is not permitted in the Cathedral premises. Paper cups could be used instead.
 - Music should not be played in the Cathedral grounds during the wedding service.
 - Christian music/songs could be played during the reception. Film songs should not be played or performed in the Cathedral campus.
 - The users should plan to leave the campus by 11.00 pm and before leaving should report to the watchman who will be near the church.