

Wedding Responsibilities

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



1. Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality should be at the rehearsal. They will learn the location of the restrooms, sacristies, Atrium, and bride's room.
2. Arrive at least 30 minutes before the wedding liturgy. Keep the outside doors of the church closed as much as possible.
3. Begin to seat people no later than 20 minutes before the liturgy is to begin. People are most welcome to visit quietly before the liturgy, but it is your job to move everyone toward their places so that we can begin unhurriedly and on time. As the people arrive, greet them warmly and hand them the printed Order of Worship as you guide them to their seats. Be alert for any handicapped or disabled persons who may need assistance from their cars and/or getting to their seat. We strongly discourage the practice of seating friends of the bride on the one side and friends of the groom on the other. Simply seat people from the front rows to the back, leaving only the necessary reserved rows for immediate family of the bride and from in the front.
4. Once the ceremony has begun, be alert to latecomers. Position yourself so that you can keep an eye on the entire assembly, including the wedding party. If anyone becomes dizzy or ill, immediately help them to the restroom or out of church with as little commotion as possible. In the event of an emergency, you may call 9-1-1 in the Ministers' of Hospitality room.
5. After the liturgy, pick up all the Orders of Worship from the pews and make sure that the bride's room, entry area, and restrooms are neat and in order. If you see anyone prepared to throw rice or other matter, please remind them in a friendly manner that this is not allowed.
6. The Sacristan/Wedding Presider will inform you of any special duties regarding the liturgy at the rehearsal.