

## **WEDDINGS AT TRINITY 2005**

Trinity Cathedral's wedding policy is to offer wedding services and facilities to the broadest possible community. The broadest possible community includes both Trinity members and Trinity non-members. The requirements for active Trinity parishioners, their children and grand-children differ from Trinity non-members.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements apply to be eligible to be married at Trinity Cathedral.

#### Trinity Members

There are three categories of Trinity members:

1. Active Trinity Parishioners, their Children and Grandchildren. Active Trinity parishioners are those who have more than one year of regular worship attendance and who have made an annual pledge to the cathedral.
2. New Members. New members are those who are seeking a church community. They qualify as Trinity members if they have attended worship services regularly for six months or more, and have joined a new-member class. Otherwise they can qualify as Non-Members.
3. Faithful Members of another Episcopal Church. Faithful members of another Episcopal church in the US will be extended the hospitality to be married as Trinity members upon written request from their minister.

#### Non-Members

A couple not in one of the categories above qualifies as non-members, if at least one of the couple is a baptized Christian.

### **INITIAL CONTACT**

#### For Active Trinity Parishioners, their Children and Grandchildren

Upon receiving an inquiry about a wedding, the Parish Administrator will schedule an initial consultation with the Dean, or a clergy assigned by the Dean. The focus of this first meeting is to discuss Trinity's wedding process and the responsibilities of the couple and the Trinity personnel. Also, the Dean will discuss the fees and schedule of payments.

#### For New Members, Faithful Members or Non-Members

A New Member, Faithful Member or Non-Member couple inquiring about a wedding at Trinity will be asked to attend one or more Sunday services in order to ascertain the suitability of Trinity's style of worship, music, community and environment with regards to their plans and desires. The inquiring couple is encouraged to introduce themselves officially to a clergy before or after worship.

If, after attending the Sunday services, the couple wants to pursue a wedding at Trinity, they must contact the Parish Administrator to schedule an initial consultation with the Dean, or clergy assigned by the Dean. The focus of this first meeting is to discuss Trinity's wedding process and the responsibilities of the couple and the Trinity personnel. Also, the Dean will discuss the fees and schedule of payments.

## **RESERVE THE CATHEDRAL FOR THE REHEARSAL AND WEDDING CEREMONY, PAY THE WEDDING DEPOSIT**

If the couple still wishes to proceed, they must contact the Cathedral Administrator to reserve the Cathedral for the wedding rehearsal and the wedding ceremony. Before the dates can be confirmed on the cathedral calendar, the couple must pay the wedding deposit according to the fee schedule.

## **MEETING WITH THE DEAN TO DISCUSS RELATIONSHIP WITH TRINITY AND THE COMMUNITY**

The couple must schedule one meeting with the Dean to discuss the potential pastoral and community relationships that the couple might develop at the Cathedral.

## **THREE MARRIAGE PREPARATION SESSIONS**

The couple must schedule appointments for three marriage preparation sessions with the clergy assigned to officiate at the wedding or to notify Trinity that they have made the appointments with a counselor approved by the Dean.

## **LOGISTICAL PLANNING MEETING WITH THE WEDDING COORDINATOR**

The couple must schedule a meeting with the wedding coordinator to discuss the wedding logistical checklist.

## **WEDDING CEREMONY PLANNING MEETING**

The couple schedule a meeting with the clergy assigned to officiate to plan the wedding ceremony (liturgy, readings).

## **FINAL PAYMENTS OF THE WEDDING FEES**

The balance of the wedding fees must be paid before the wedding rehearsal can proceed. (See wedding fee instruction sheet)

## **REHEARSAL**

Attend the wedding rehearsal.

## **WEDDING CEREMONY**

Attend the wedding rehearsal.

