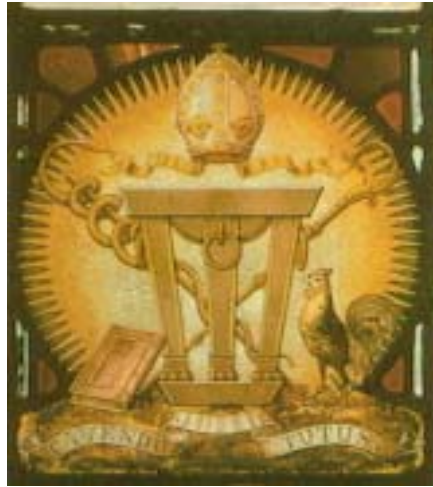


## **A.) Basic and/or Military Honors Wedding Ceremony**

**On the day of your Ceremony, please have your Ceremony Book prepared as follows: Once Ceremony Script is approved, have your chosen Ceremony edited and made personal to you both, printed out in "26" point font size", placed into sheet protectors, and put into a nice white 3 ring binder. This ceremony book will be used by Rev. Carroll at your ceremony. Please send/e-mail a copy back to the administration office ASAP or at least a month prior to the wedding ceremony for review/approval.**

**NOTE: Please have the pages separated so the speaking, reading, and page turning, flows well together. Keep the ceremony sections together. When completing the Ceremony Script Book, place only ONE page in each sheet protector and only on the right side of each page. This stops unnecessary pauses in the reading of the ceremony that causes dead space and silence and interrupts that flow of the ceremony. From a audio point of view.**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHOICES FOR  
YOUR CEREMONY PERSONAL TO YOU  
AND PUT IT IN 26 POINT FONT SIZE**



**Basic or Military Honors  
Wedding Ceremony**

of

**(Bride's Full Name)**

and

**(Groom's Full Name)**

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**Location:**

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**City:**

**State:**

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**Date:**

## **I. ENTRANCE RITE**

### **REV. CARROLL:**

**Welcome everyone. My name is Msgr. Michael Carroll, the Abbot of St. Patrick's Abbey of the Mid-Atlantic Diocese. Concelebrating with me today/tonight is Sub-Deacon Ken Warne also from the Abbey.**

**We gather today for one of the happiest occasions in all of life, the joining of two people who love each other.**

***(Name) and (Name)*, you come here today as individuals. You come to become as one.**

**Marriage is a sealed Sacred covenant. We support you as you freely give yourselves to one another.**

**You both bring the fullness of your hearts as a treasure to share with each other. You bring your particular personalities and spirits out of which will grow your life together. This union has been created by friendship, respect, and love.**

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTENT**

**REV. CARROLL: We ask every blessing of this moment. May you have grace and peace through each step of your journey.**

## **3. PRAYER OF SUPPORT**

**REV. CARROLL: We now pray for the families, friends and guests of *(Name)* and *(Name)* who give their blessing to this union.**

## **4. EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

**REV. CARROLL:** *(Name)* and *(Name)*, God wants for you what you want for yourselves. God is the power behind all love.

**I, *(Name-Groom)*, take you, *(Name-Bride)*, to be my wife from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness, and in health, till death do us part.**

**I, *(Name-Bride)*, take you, *(Name-Groom)*, to be my husband from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness, and in health, till death do us part.**

## **5. EXCHANGE OF RINGS**

***(Name-Groom)* to *(Name-Bride)*, with this ring, I thee Wed, for you to be, my wife, for all of time.**

***(Name-Bride)* to *(Name-Groom)*, with this ring, I thee Wed, for you to be, my wife, for all of time.**

## **6. THE NUPTIAL BLESSING**

**REV. CARROLL:** *(Name)* and *(Name)*, may the love you have found grow in meaning and strength until its beauty is shown in a common devotion to all that is compassionate and life giving. May the source of all love touch and bless us all, but especially bless you both today/tonight.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**REV. CARROLL:**

The Church and the power vested in me by the Commonwealth of Virginia (State) grants me the authority now to pronounce you to be Husband and Wife.

You may now kiss your Bride.