

B.) Standard Wedding Ceremony

**Religious, Non Religious,
Non-denominational, Spiritual, Civil, etc. in nature.**

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**



**Standard Wedding
Ceremony
of**

(Bride's Full Name)

and

(Groom's Full Name)

Location:

City:

State:

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. Your friends and family are here to share in your joy. We ask God to bless you.**

You bring your particular personalities and spirits out of which will grow the reality of your life together. We all celebrate with you as your union has been created by your friendship, respect, and love.

3. EXCHANGE OF VOWS & RINGS

REV. CARROLL:

For you we now ask every blessing of this moment; a confirmation of the wisdom of your choice. Your beloved friends, family, and guests are here supporting you.

REV. CARROLL:

***(Name-Groom)*, are you here to ask *(Name-Bride)* to be your wife. Do you intend to give her your deepest friendship and love. Do you announce before God to always be a faithful and loving husband - *(Bride Response)*: I do.**

REV. CARROLL:

***(Name-Bride)*, are you here to ask *(Name-Groom)* to be your wife. Do you intend to give Her your deepest friendship and love. Do you announce before God to always be a faithful and loving wife - *(Groom Response)*: I do.**

(VOWS TO BE USED)

***(Name-Groom)*, I give myself to you. From this day forward, I pledge to be your husband in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and in sorrow, until death to us part.**

***(Name-Bride)*, I give myself to you. From this day forward, I pledge to be your wife in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and in sorrow, until death to us part.**

(Bride and Groom Exchange Rings.)

4. THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

REV. CARROLL:

Please stand and join me for the Nuptial Blessing of the couple. May the peace of Christ live always in your hearts and in your home. May you have true friends to stand by you both in joy and in sorrow.

May your hearts' first desire be the abundance of good things awaiting you from a loving God.

May the Lord bless you with many happy years together to enjoy a long life.

***(Name)* and *(Name)*, keep your Marriage Vows to each other with ease. May love abide with you always. May every day be filled with peace.**

May the source of all love touch and bless us all, but especially bless the both of you, and grace your lives with strength, harmony and fulfillment.

5. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Only a couple can administer the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other, and only a couple can sanctify it. The Church and the authority vested in me by the Commonwealth of Virginia (State) grants me the power to declare you to be husband and wife.

You may now kiss your Bride.