



## ~HFC, Artesia - Wedding Agreement / Acknowledgment~

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Groom & Bride's initials on each of the following)*

**1. The wedding date will be confirmed after meeting with a priest.** *(a deposit of \$100 is required).* Once the wedding date is set, it is non-refundable after 15 days. The remaining balance is due **30 days** prior to the wedding date. *(Wedding fees: \$700 for registered parishioners over a year / \$800 for non-registered; this includes the wedding preparation and use of the church for rehearsal & wedding day).* \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**2. The wedding party cannot exceed 6 bridesmaids and 6 groomsmen (No Exceptions).** This does not exclude the maid of honor and the best man. Principal/Primary Sponsor and Secondary Sponsors **cannot exceed the total of 10 couples** maximum for both categories combined. No more than **3** flower girls and **2** ring bearers *(Please make sure children are age appropriate)* \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Rehearsals** are scheduled for one hour, on Thursdays at 4pm. All participants in the wedding should be present on rehearsal day, *(e.g. lecturers, sponsors, bridal party, etc.)*. **Your rehearsal must start at the designated time.** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Due to other sacraments and activities happening in the church, your wedding must start at the designated time.** Otherwise the duration and quality of your wedding will be drastically affected. *(e.g. 10 minutes late - no homily, 15 minutes late - no mass, only exchange of vows, 30 minutes late - wedding will be cancelled.)* Being late also compromises your photo sessions inside the church. **Means NO PHOTOS inside the church.** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Dress Code for Bride and participants: NO** Strapless dresses, nor Spaghetti Straps. **MUST** be covered during mass. **NO** tight, revealing nor short dresses. **We ask that you please SUBMIT PICTURES of the dresses for approval and for suggestions if not appropriate for church.** *(Submit as soon as possible after meeting with a priest)* This includes **ALL / Lectors and all wedding participants.** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**6. It is important to choose your readings together, memorize vows - Formula 1. NO Unity candle is permitted: Cord or Veil (not both).** **In the Marriage Rite the couple are the "Ministers" of the Sacrament.** That being said, the groom will proceed in front of the bride escorted by anyone else of his choice. Bride & Groom may process together or the bride can be escorted with anyone of her choice. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**7. No throwing of petals (real or fake), No rice, bubbles nor lighted candles in the congregation,** they are **NOT permitted** inside or outside the church. **Runners are not allowed** in the aisle/s of the church for liability reasons. **Decorations are NOT allowed** that obstruct the entrances and exits of the ends of the pews. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**8. You are welcome to invite a guest priest to officiate your wedding. If the guest priest is not from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (meaning from a different county or out of state).** Please have the guest priest submit a **Testimonial letter of Suitability for Priestly Ministry** to the **Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Office of the Vicar for Clergy, at 3424 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010.** You are responsible to give him information in regards to your wedding and making sure he will arrive on time to celebrate your wedding. **This must be addressed the day you meet with a Holy Family priest.** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

*We, as groom and bride, have read, understand, and agree with the above and with all the pertaining requirements as found in Holy Family Church wedding guidelines. We will honor all guidelines on this agreement.*

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Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Time

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