



Photographer / Videographer Guidelines

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
North Avenue and Lathrop,
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"Great care should be taken to ensure liturgical celebrations, especially the Mass, are not disturbed or interrupted by the taking of photographs."

-- Instructions on Worship of Eucharistic Mystery, Vatican II.

The liturgy must be protected as sacred and not become a "Kodak moment." The lower the profile on photography is kept during the liturgy, the better. Professional photographers and those videotaping should be appropriately dressed and are asked to not move around during the liturgy. They are not to interfere with or move the furnishings of the church.

Photographers may not encourage loud, boisterous or immature activity on the part of the wedding party or guests as a means of preparing, staging or taking a photo. The sacred nature of the worship space, as well as the parish grounds, is to be respected.

- Nothing is to be set upon the altar.
- No flash or lights should be used during the service.
- Photographers/videographers are not allowed in the sanctuary during the service, but should keep to the side aisles, behind the pew line.
- During the processional and recessional, photographs may be taken from the pews by anyone in the assembly.
- No cameras of any kind are allowed during the service.
- Video cameras must be stationary. A tripod may be set up. The balcony is the best place for this.
- No taping of cords to the floor is allowed. No taping on wood is allowed. No taping to the tile is allowed.
- Photographers are expected to strictly adhere to a timeframe of 30 minutes before – 30 minutes after the ceremony. **Failure to observe this or any of the above guidelines will result in a revoking of business privileges at St. Vincent Ferrer.**

PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER AGREEMENT:

Please sign and return a copy by mail or fax 708-366-7092 to the Rectory office, with your business card.

I have read and agree to abide by these policies for photos and videos at St. Vincent Ferrer parish for the wedding scheduled at _____ o'clock on this date: _____

Signed: _____

Phone: _____