

## LATIN RITE CATHOLICS WISHING TO USE AN EASTERN RITE PARISH FOR THEIR WEDDING IN DADE, BROWARD AND MONROE COUNTIES

Archbishop Favalora, after consideration and upon the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, has abrogated the previous restrictions regarding marriages of Latin Rite Catholics at St. Jude Melkite Parish and has established a new policy for Latin Rite Catholics wishing to celebrate their marriage at Eastern Rite Parishes in Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. This policy pertains only to Latin Rite Catholics not marrying an Eastern Rite Catholic and becomes effective immediately. Latin Rite Catholics marrying Eastern Catholics are governed by the Latin Rite Code of Canon Law and the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

Providing that the Pastor of the Eastern Rite Parish has no objection, Latin Rite Catholics wishing to marry at an Eastern Rite Parish need the following:

1. Permission of their Proper Pastor, or at least the Pastor of the bride or of the Catholic Party.
2. If the Pastor does not witness the wedding he may delegate another Latin Rite Priest.
3. If the Priest does not have the faculties of the Archdiocese of Miami the "Protocol for Extern Priests" is to be followed.
4. The Proper Pastor of the Latin Rite Catholic is responsible for determining the Parties' freedom to marry and, in keeping with the Archdiocese of Miami guidelines, for the proper preparation of the Couple.
5. The Pastor of the Latin Rite Catholic is to write the Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Miami indicating that he has given permission for the member of his parish to have her/his wedding celebrated at the Eastern Rite parish and give the name of the priest who will witness the wedding vows. The Pastor is also to attest to the Parties' freedom to marry and to their spiritual and canonical preparation.
6. Upon receipt of the letter from the Pastor, the Judicial Vicar will grant the needed delegation sending a copy of his letter to the Pastor of the Eastern Rite Parish.
7. The marriage is to be recorded at the Latin Rite Parish designated by the Judicial Vicar. The Priest witnessing the wedding is responsible for ensuring that the proper notations are made and sent. A notation should be made in the Sacramental Registry of the Latin Rite Party(ies)' Proper Parish that certificate of marriage is to be issued from the Latin Rite Parish in which the marriage is recorded.

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