

The Church of the Holy Cross
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Application for a Service of Marriage Blessing

Policy and Procedures

Couples of all religious backgrounds are welcome, but our assumption is that one of the parties is from a Christian Church or Community.

The ceremony is usually held in the church (seating capacity of approx. 100 but additional chairs are available) but may be held at another site and location. For a ceremony outside of Palermo the couple will provide the costs of travel and lodging to the Chaplain.

If at all possible, the couple should arrange to meet personally with the chaplain. Couples who do not reside in Italy and who intend to come to Palermo only at the time of the ceremony, should plan this trip to allow adequate time for meeting with the Chaplain.

The ceremony will follow the rite as contained in the Book of Common Worship of the Church of England, but may include personal additions approved by the Chaplain. Photography equipment and video cameras may be used during the ceremony, provided that they do not in any way cause distraction or obstruct the guests' view of the ceremony.

In thanksgiving to God for all his blessings it is customary for the couple to make an offering of 300 euros to Holy Cross for the support of its mission and ministries. This offering is ordinarily made one month before the date of the ceremony. The couple should personally arrange the organist's fee with him/her.

The blessing of the marriage will be entered in the Holy Cross Marriage Register, and a certificate of the occasion will be given/sent to the couple.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship and his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn and public covenant declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses. (Book of Common Worship: Pastoral Services)

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

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Proposed Date and Time of Ceremony: _____

Location of Ceremony: _____

Language of Ceremony: _____

Full names: Husband _____

Wife _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Mobile # _____

Land Line # _____

Email address: Husband _____

Wife _____

Date and Location of Civil Marriage:

Date and Place of Birth: Husband _____

Wife _____

Nationality: Husband _____

Wife _____

The Service:

Holy Eucharist _____

Witnesses: _____

Number of Attendants _____

Number of Guests _____

Readings _____

The Chaplain will assist the couple in the selection of the readings for the service.

Music _____

The organist will assist the couple in the selection of music/hymns for the service.