



ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH + SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CHAPEL

## Clergy Agreement for Weddings

Regarding the marriage of: \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed wedding date: \_\_\_\_\_

Whether you are preparing the couple above for marriage and/or are presiding at their wedding, thank you for your willingness to serve.

Priests and Deacons in good standing in their diocese are welcome to preside at weddings at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church and San Felipe de Jesús Chapel. The following is required:

1. The priest or deacon who will be presiding the wedding at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church or San Felipe de Jesús Chapel will submit a recently issued Letter of Good Standing from his Diocesan Bishop or Religious Superior to Rev. Daniel Reader, Director of Priest Personnel, at the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center (13280 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840) and a copy to St. Edward the Confessor. The Letter of Good Standing should be no more than 90 days old and should be submitted no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the event. If you are a priest or deacon serving in the Diocese of Orange, no *Celebret* is needed.
2. The visiting clergy will:
  - a. Follow the parish guidelines in the conduct of the ceremony, with particular reference to music, photography, videotaping and placement of flower arrangements.
  - b. Cooperate with the St. Edward the Confessor wedding coordinator during the rehearsal and wedding.
  - c. Ensure that a fully executed marriage license (appropriate signatures and addresses completed in black ink) is given to the wedding coordinator at or before the wedding rehearsal.
3. If you are preparing the couple for marriage, you will:
  - a. Obtain and complete all paperwork required under Canon Law including a newly issued certificate of baptism for Catholics, certificates of First Communion and Confirmation, Testimonies of Freedom, Prenuptial Questionnaire, and dispensations, if any.
  - b. Determine that the groom and bride are free to marry.
  - c. See to it that the groom and bride complete the required Diocese of Orange pre-marriage preparation program, such as Engaged Encounter.



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- d. If the couple is prepared for marriage outside the Diocese of Orange, the priest or deacon will send all documents via a *Nihil Obstat* to be received at St. Edward the Confessor Church at least 30 days before the wedding.

**I will be responsible for preparing the aforementioned couple for marriage and submitting all the required paperwork.**

**I will preside at the aforementioned couple's wedding.**

I agree to fulfill all of the responsibilities set forth above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of visiting priest or deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT or TYPE name

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT or TYPE Diocese or religious order of affiliation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

Once you have completed this form, please return to St. Edward the Confessor Church via email to the Parish Secretary at [weddings@stedward.com](mailto:weddings@stedward.com).