

**HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WHARTON, TEXAS**

**POLICY ON CONDUCT AND USE OF ALCOHOL BEFORE WEDDINGS**

God is the author of marriage, making it part of the divine plan and a sacred institution. The dignity of marriage is rooted in this fundamental article of faith. As marriage possesses this inherent dignity, so too should the wedding ceremony be celebrated in a dignified manner.

Furthermore, during the time immediately preceding the ceremony, the attitude, demeanor and behavior of those participating necessarily ought to reflect the sacredness and dignity of the moment. Most specifically this applies to the bride and groom and their attendants (the wedding party).

Certain behaviors and activities are incompatible with maintaining this sense of sacredness and dignity. Among these is the consumption of alcohol prior to the ceremony. As such, **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE A WEDDING CEREMONY IS NOT ALLOWED** on the premises of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Furthermore, **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT ON TO CHURCH PREMISES** by those present for the wedding ceremony including the bride, the groom and the entire wedding party .

Violation of this policy may result in:

- 1) cancellation of the wedding;
- 2) a delay in the starting time of the ceremony;
- 3) not allowing an attendant to participate as a member of the wedding party;
- 4) calling law enforcement to remove a violator of this policy from the premises.

By signing below, you, the bride and groom, hereby, agree to abide by the terms of this policy, and assert that you will do all in your power to hold attendants and other guests accountable to this policy.

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Groom

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Bride

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Priest

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Date