

## KEY LITURGICAL PRINCIPLES:

- **Maintain the centrality of Scripture.**
  - Guide the couple's choices early on and base other decisions, e.g. homily and music, on the chosen readings.
- **Enable the participation of the entire assembly**
  - Worship Aid including key prayers, (Gloria), music acclamations, etc.
  - Place couple and witnesses where they themselves can easily participate.
- **Encourage the equality and involvement** of parents, family and bridal party
  - Mirror the equality of bride and groom in the sacrament through procession, placement, etc.
  - Include parents and others responsible for the couple's development in procession where possible.
- **Maintain integrity of a liturgical procession**
  - Whenever possible begin with a single procession, accompanied by one piece of music
  - Use a processional cross to lead the procession.
- **Maintain Key Sacramental Signs.**
  - Communicate the sign of the bride and groom as the chief ministers of the rite through placement of the couple where they are easily seen and heard. The ministers of the church lead, witness, support, facilitate, etc.
- **Seek out trained ministers**, readers, servers, from bridal party/family or provide trained ministers from the parish.
- **Parish Provides hospitality and evangelization through:**
  - Planning assistance from priest/deacon/music minister
  - Worship Aid
  - Cantor
  - Readers/EMHC/ etc. as needed