



## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY DURING MASS MEDIA GUIDELINES**

We welcome photographers and journalists willing to help us spread the Good News by covering our Catholic Masses. Advance approval is required by our Office of Communications.

In most cases, it is acceptable to discreetly capture video, audio or still shots from an unobtrusive area near the front or back corners of the church.

Important guidelines to follow:

- Check-in in advance with an appropriate onsite contact or with a representative of the Office of Communications.
- Wear a press identification badge at all times.
- Appropriate attire is required. Avoid wearing a hat in church.
- It is never appropriate to move across the front of the altar or to walk down the center aisle during Mass. To move to the church's opposite side, use the side aisles to cross in the back of the church.
- Do not step into the sanctuary near the altar at any time during Mass.
- Photos of individuals receiving the Eucharist (Holy Communion) are not permitted.
- Limit flash photography, especially when someone is reading or speaking; and avoid taking a series of photos in quick succession if it will disrupt the Mass.
- Spoken reports or narrating "live-shots" during Mass are not permitted.

At most high-profile Masses, a representative of the church or archdiocese will be available to assist, and a reserved media section may be available.

For questions or further assistance, contact the local parish office or a representative of the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Communications at 973-497-4248. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.