

personal words to share with each other after the official formulary has been spoken.

4 Options Within the Celebration of Marriage:

- a) The Unity Candle.
- b) Flowers to the Blessed Mother.
- c) Flowers for Parents/Godparents at Sign of Peace.
- d) Other: those suggested by ethnic cultures.

F. PARTICIPANTS:

1. **Readers:** The couple or people they choose may do the first two readings and the Prayer of the Faithful. All readers should be comfortable reading publicly and be give copies of the readings ahead of time. It is often wise that they attend the rehearsal so they may practice their role in the Liturgy.
2. **Gift Bearers:** If the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage is within a Mass, relatives or friends of the Bride or Groom may bring up the gifts of Bread and Wine at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
3. **Children:** if there are children in the wedding procession, you may wish to have them seated with their own family during the Mass or Ceremony.

G. MUSIC:

1. **Mr. Philip La Gala is the Parish Director of Music.** Please contact him through the parish phone number (973-838-0031) as soon as possible (AT LEAST 10 WEEKS BEFORE YOU WEDDING) so that he may block out your wedding date on his calendar. He will make arrangements to meet with you to select the music that will be used at your wedding. Please note that during the course of the liturgy, be it a Nuptial Mass or a Ceremony apart from the Mass, all selections **MUST** be of a religious nature approved by Mr. La Gala. Secular pieces may **NOT** be part of the religious rites of the Church. Such pieces may be sung as a prelude to the actual Rite of Marriage but even these secular pieces must be approved by him. The popular songs of the public forum are often very inappropriate for use in the Church. Often couples do not really listen to the lyrics or even understand them. Much of what we hear in the "world" is ever so contrary to the Gospel. We **MUST** remain firm on this point. Your favorite secular music is best left to your DJ at the reception but even there you should consider the lyrics and message of some of these songs.
2. **Other instruments beside the organ are permissible as long as they reverently add to your wedding.** Again, the use of other instrumentalist **MUST** be cleared through Mr. La Gala. So too, Mr. La Gala arranges for vocalist who will sing at your celebration. If you wish to provide an additional guest vocalist of your own such as a friend or family member they must meet with Mr. La Gala in advance of the wedding. Guest singers are limited to a maximum of two (2) solo songs. Any rehearsals with outside singers or