



*Sacred Life Celebrations*

## *Wedding Planning Guide*

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### **About this guide**

I always recommend that one of your first steps should be to sit down with your partner to discuss exactly what you want in your wedding. I have created this Wedding Planning Guide to help you think about some of the questions we will discuss during our planning meeting. Planning your wedding will be exciting and starting early will definitely help you to clarify what you really want before we move into planning.

### **Using the guide**

I recommend that you read over and discuss each question, then jot down your thoughts here. Some couples like to complete the worksheet individually first, then share and discuss. Others will prefer to complete it together. Whatever your approach, it will give you a head start when it comes time to make decisions. I hope you can relax and enjoy planning your amazing, special day!

### **Questions to ponder when envisioning your wedding**

The following questions are designed to help you develop a clear vision for your wedding ceremony. Some people come to this process with definite idea of what they want their wedding to “look and feel” like. For others, there is more of a general sense of what they want. Either starting place is just fine and please do not worry if you simply draw a blank on some of these questions. We will go over it all again in our planning process.

Choose five words that describe the wedding ceremony you envision:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Briefly describe your ideal ceremony.

Name and briefly describe any key elements to your perfect wedding ceremony. These are the moments that mean the most to you, personally, the moments that make this wedding uniquely yours.

What roles, if any, do you wish the assembled family and friends to have in the wedding?

The following two questions are about the emotional tone of your wedding ceremony and the experience that tone creates for you and your guests. (for example: solemn, joyful, playful, peaceful, spiritual, vibrant, love-soaked, family-centered, Christ-centered, etc.)

Please select 3-5 words that describe how you want to feel during the ceremony and by the completion of the ceremony

During:

As it ends:

Please select 3-5 words that describe how you want your family and guests to feel by the end of the ceremony?

Next steps: share your thoughts with your family and friends to gather even more ideas, then schedule a conversation with me to discuss your perfect wedding. Here's to making your dreams come true!

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