



THE DIOCESE  
of  
BUFFALO

## PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY POLICY FOR ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

### For professional/contracted photographers & videographers

*\*please note, the term "photographer" hereafter applies to both still photography and motion video*

Photographers and any assistants must display their credential on them at all times, if applicable. All photographers must check in with a member of the Diocese's Office of Communications staff (if present) at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Photographers should be unobtrusive. Avoid staying in the sight line of those in attendance. Be aware of your fellow photographers. Turn around every so often to see if you are in the sight line of a photographer setting up behind you.

No lights and/or flash photography of any kind will be allowed.

The choir loft will be closed

The dress code is "business casual." Please, no blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts or hats of any kind.

No photographs may be taken from within the sanctuary area or behind, to the right or left.

Credentialed photographers may take photos from the floor of the front pews. You must kneel or sit while photographing. Standing in the area between the front pews and steps of the sanctuary is not allowed. Sitting in the center aisle is not allowed. An exemption will be made for the vesting of deacons/priests.

Photos from the center aisle must be taken from the back of the cathedral. A good guide is to not go past the fifth row of pews. Shooting from this area is limited to 30 seconds. Walk up, take your photo and walk back.

No photos are to be taken during the consecration.

It is never appropriate to move across the front of the pews during Mass.

Please walk to the back each time you wish to move to the opposite front corner of a church.

Group / family photos are to be done after Mass. The Diocesan photographer is the first to take photos after Mass. After he/she has got his/her shot the group will stay for a few moments. At that point you may take your pictures. A short time will be allowed for each group to be photographed with the bishop. Once all the official Diocesan photos are done, hired photographers may take other group photos they would like.

All photographers will adhere to the instructions from Office of Communications staff and the staff of the Cathedral.

Failure to comply to guidelines may result in revocation of access to Diocesan events.

*Questions or concerns should be directed to Joe Martone, Communications Director at [jmartone@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:jmartone@buffalodiocese.org) or 716-847-8743*