

Diocese of San Diego

POLICY ON WEDDINGS IN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHAPELS

Catholic weddings ordinarily take place in a parish church. Catholic alumni of Catholic high schools in the Diocese of San Diego may be permitted to celebrate marriage in their high school chapel, subject to the following conditions:

1. At least one of the parties must be an alumnus of the Catholic high school where the wedding is taking place;
2. The pastor of the parish of each Catholic party must give permission or a *nihil obstat* (best when written) for the marriage to take place in the Catholic high school chapel.
3. Requests for celebration of a wedding in a Catholic high school chapel also require the approval of the pastor of the parish within whose boundaries the high school chapel is located.
4. Marriage preparation is to be done in accord with the guidelines of the diocese where the marriage preparation takes place. If the marriage preparation takes place within the Diocese of San Diego, the marriage file is to be sent at least one month before the wedding date to the pastor of the parish within whose boundaries the high school chapel is located. If the marriage preparation takes place outside the Diocese of San Diego, the marriage file is to be sent at least one month before the wedding date to the chancery of the Diocese of San Diego.
5. If the priest or deacon who officiates at the wedding does not have diocesan faculties, delegation is to be granted by the pastor of the parish within whose boundaries the high school chapel is located.
6. The marriage is to be recorded in the parish within whose boundaries it takes place.