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# PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

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Our hope is to have photos taken that capture the spirit of Mary, Queen of Peace while still maintaining the privacy of our children, youth and parishioners in general. Thank you for helping us to achieve this goal!

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### 1. SOCIAL MEDIA

- **WHO TO POST:** Only MQP Staff or approved volunteers are to post photos on our Mary, Queen of Peace social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook & Twitter).
- **TAGING:** Those posting are not to “tag” anyone in the photographs and videos that are posted.

### 2. TAKING PHOTOS DURING LITURGIES

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** An announcement will be made at the beginning of a liturgy where a photographer is present that photos and videos may only be taken by the official photographer. If a photographer is not present at an important liturgy, an announcement can still be made discouraging the taking of photographs and videos during the liturgy.

**USHERS:** Ushers will talk to people individually who are taking photos inappropriately during a liturgy.

**GROUP SHOTS:** Group photos after liturgies can only be taken if granted permission. Photos in the sanctuary should be a rare occasion.

**HIRED PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Hired photographs for private liturgies (weddings, funerals, etc.) do not have to abide by the above privacy concerns, but they do need to be mindful of Mass etiquette and not crossing in front of the altar, taking photos during appropriate times, etc.

### **3. TAKING PHOTOS DURING EVENTS AND SOCIALS**

Photos taken during events and socials are okay as you are not at risk to capture a private moment of someone in prayer. However, these photos are still not to be posted on social media without staff permission.

### **4. HOW TO TAKE PHOTOS APPROPRIATELY**

- **PRIVACY:** When a photographer is present to take photos at a liturgy, we ask the photographer to only take photos of the backs of those attending, or of clergy, or of the environment, unless the photographer is otherwise instructed. In order to respect the privacy of those worshipping and/or attending, we do not want to take photos that have faces in them.
- **PLACEMENT:** We have a specific pew towards the front of the church where designated photographers can shoot. Please check in with the priest or liturgist prior to the beginning of the liturgy to be shown this pew.
- **ANGLES:** You may also discuss with the priest or liturgist suggested angles where you can take photos without capturing faces.
- **TIMING:** Photographers are never to cross in front of the altar during Mass, and movement in general should be kept to a minimum. For special liturgies like funerals or weddings, please check in with the priest or liturgist for specific questions about what is or is not appropriate.