



URSULINE CHAPPEL WEDDING POLICY

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

The Ursuline Chapel is an Oratory. An Oratory is a place of worship set aside for a particular group of people. Canons: 1223; 1225

Employees and their families; the families of residents; and alumni and alumnae may have marriages at the Ursuline Centre with the permission of the director and the pastor of the Catholic Party seeking marriage. Such permission is not to be presumed, but will depend upon the availability of the Oratory.

Before the marriage takes place, the pastor of the Catholic party seeking marriage must insure that the diocesan regulations on marriage preparation are fulfilled.

The presiding minister must receive delegation from the diocesan office. It is not the responsibility of the Diocese or the director of the Ursuline Centre to find a priest or deacon to witness the marriage. The Bishop or Vicar General must approve any priest or deacon from outside the Diocese.

All paperwork must be filed at the Tribunal and the marriage recorded at the diocesan office.

Marriages between couples when neither party is Catholic, or the Catholic party (parties) is not free to marry, are not permitted.

Promulgated April 1, 2005
Most Reverend Anthony M. Milone,
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings