

## **Guidelines For Marriages at Fort Edmonton Park — 740A**

Occasionally, couples ask to be married at the old St. Anthony church in Fort Edmonton Park. Because this is not a normally used parish church, such requests are not actively encouraged.

When a request is made, the following guidelines are in effect:

1. The area of Fort Edmonton Park is located within the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of St. Anthony Parish, Edmonton.
2. It is also the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Edmonton.
3. The couple to be married at Fort Edmonton Park is to ensure that the usual prenuptial interviews and forms are completed at their proper parish.
4. Once the prenuptial file is completed, the request is referred to the Office of Canonical Services for approval.
5. Requests made less than five months prior to the proposed date of the ceremony may not receive approval.
6. If approval is granted:
  - a) A letter to that effect will be sent to the parish responsible for the prenuptial file.
  - b) The letter will be given to the couple who should take it to the Parks and Recreation Department to confirm that the Archdiocese of Edmonton has granted approval.
  - c) A copy of the letter will be sent to the pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Edmonton, in order to reserve a space in the marriage register on the scheduled date.
7. The priest officiating at the wedding should normally be the pastor of one of the parties. If he is not available, he is to assist the couple to arrange to have a Catholic priest to officiate at their marriage ceremony. This is not the responsibility of the pastor of St. Anthony Parish.
9. Following the marriage ceremony, the prenuptial file and any documentation are to be sent to St. Anthony Parish where they will be filed and the marriage recorded in the register of St. Anthony Parish.
10. Any liturgical service held at St. Anthony church in Fort Edmonton Park will follow the guidelines for liturgical services in Catholic churches in the Archdiocese.
11. Rental and clean-up requirements and other guidelines for usage and responsibility will be issued by the Parks and Recreation Department.