

Marriages outside a sacred space

I would remind you of the importance of encouraging couples to marry in a recognised church or chapel. It is true that in the case of couples where one party is not baptised, there is no obligation for the wedding to be held in a sacred space. Nonetheless, even in those cases, it is preferable for a couple to make their vows in the sacred context of a church building. In the case of baptised couples marrying within the Archdiocese, there must be very serious reasons for a wedding to be celebrated outside a sacred space, and it is good to discuss this matter early when preparing couples for marriage. If you are faced with any difficulties in this regard, please discuss the situation with the Vicar General.