



## *Marriage Policy*

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See I, Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, J.C.D., Bishop of Las Vegas Repromulgate the marriage policy of my predecessor the then reigning Bishop, Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, who promulgated the Common Policy for Pastoral Marriage Preparation July 25, 1999. I add the following directions for the good of the faithful and to remove scandal in accord with Canon 1063 -§1, 2, and 3.

1. If a couple, who are non practicing Catholics are to be married the Mass is not to be celebrated.
2. Couples who are living together against public propriety there will be no Mass celebrated in accord with Canon 1083-1094.
3. A practicing Catholic who wishes to marry a baptized Non-Catholic the Mass is not to be celebrated.
4. A practicing Catholic who wishes to marry a Non-Baptized person there will be only a ceremony celebrated and no Mass.
5. A Catholic party wishing to marry a Non-baptized, Non-Catholic, Jew, L.D.S., Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Dispensation of Canonical Form and Place can be applied for. If granted it will be with the understanding the wedding is not to be celebrated in a casino or on casino property and may never have Mass celebrated.

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