



DRESS
Rosa Clara of Chic Parisien,
Coral Gables, Florida

CEREMONY
Holy Trinity Church, Norwood, Ohio

CAKE
Maribelle Cakery

FLORIST
Neil Leeson Decor Floral, Akron, Ohio

PHOTOGRAPHER
Steve Lyons, Cincinnati, Ohio

RECEPTION VENUE
Hilton Netherland Plaza

WEDDING PLANNER
Dora Manuel, Viva Bella Events

INVITATIONS
Cruz, Creative Weddings, Coral
Gables, Florida, and
Divine Ink, California



NICOLE PORTAL ANDRÉS VELARDE

On May 29, 2010, Nicole and Andrés decided to culminate their engagement in holy matrimony. They were married after a year-and-five-month engagement and planning period that allowed for every planner involved to truly make this evening one neither bride nor groom could ever forget.

The planning team consisted of Nicole, her sister Lizette, and her mother Gloria, who worked with Dora Manuel, owner of Viva Bella Events, to ensure they had the best planning team in Cincinnati. Dora, along with her team, drafted a wedding planning timeline, gave them vendor referrals in each category that fit wedding style and budget, and managed all subsequent details once decisions were made. Most importantly, Viva Bella managed the wedding and the wedding party all day long, making sure everything went smoothly and without a hitch.

The ceremony, with all that time well spent, was planned to a sharpened point and was executed with the precision the planning reflected. It was not just a single night of white dresses and full suits, but an entire weekend that lived on in the memories of everyone involved. Even as Nicole had to rush back to school for finals the following week, she still made time for an "introductory honeymoon." The bride and groom took a quick four-day trip to Naples, Florida, as a momentary replacement for the true honeymoon to come in the near future to Santorini, Greece. ❖—MYLES GANN