

The Consent

The consent is what makes the Marriage- the moment where you become husband and wife. Joining your right hands, you promise to be a sign of Christ's love for all of your lives. Select from one of the options presented below. Options 1 and 2 may be memorized or repeated after the presider. Each of you will recite to each other the text you've chosen. Or, if you choose either Option 3 or 4, you may respond with "I do" to a series of questions.

The bride and groom declare their consent using one of the following formulas:

Option #1. *I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.*

Option #2. *I, (name), take you, (name), for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.*

Or, the bride and groom may use one of the following formulas in which each answer, "**I do**" after the priest or deacon poses the question.

Option #3. *(Name), do you take, (name), to be your wife/husband? Do you promise to be faithful to her/him in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love her/him, and to honor her/him all the days of your life? **I do.***

Option #4. *(Name), do you take (name) for your lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do you part? **I do.***



The Reception of the Consent

Next, the priest or deacon verifies that you have declared your consent before God. Select one of the following two options. After the reception of the consent the priest will say, “Let us bless the Lord”. All reply, “Thanks be to God”.

Option #1. May the Lord in his kindness strengthen the consent you have declared before the Church, and graciously bring to fulfillment his blessing within you. What God joins together, let no put asunder.

Option #2. May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God who joined together our first parents in paradise, strengthen and bless in Christ the consent you have declared before the Church, so that what God joins together, no one may put asunder.



The Blessing of Rings

The blessing and giving of rings is the primary sign of unity within the wedding ceremony. The rings are blessed to be a sign and reminder of your love as a couple. Select one of the three options provided below.

Option #1.

May the Lord bless these rings, which you will give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

Response: Amen.

Option #2

Bless, O Lord, these rings which we bless in your name. so that those who wear them may remain entirely faithful to each other, abide in peace and in your will, and live always in mutual charity. Through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Option #3

Priest: Bless and sanctify your servants in their love, O Lord, and let these rings, a sign of their faithfulness, remind them of their love for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

