

Rite of Solemn Betrothal



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With their right hands joined, the couple repeats after the priest what follows.

The man first says:

I, N., promise that I will one day take you, N., for my wife, according to the ordinances of God and holy Church. I will love you as I love myself. I will keep faith with you and be loyal to you, and so aid you and comfort you in all your necessities. These things and all that a man ought to do for his espoused, I promise to do for you, and to keep the promise by the faith that is in me.

Then the woman says:

I, N., do declare that, in the form and manner in which you have promised yourself to me, I will one day bind and oblige myself to you, and will take you, N., for my husband. And all that you have pledged to me, I promise to do for you, and to keep the promise by the faith that is in me.

Then the priest takes the two ends of his stole and in the form of a cross places them over the clasped hands of the couple. Holding the stole in place with his left hand, he says:

I bear witness to your solemn proposal and I declare you betrothed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then he sprinkles them with holy water in the form of a cross.

Then he blesses the ring, saying:

℣. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

℟. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

℣. Dóminus vobiscum.

℟. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, cujus verbo santificantur omnia quæ percipimus: effunde, quæsumus, bene ✠ dictionem tuam super nos et super hunc anulum; ut per interces-

℣. Our help is in the Name of the LORD.

℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose word are sanctified all things that we perceive: pour forth, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing upon us and upon this ring; that, by the interces-

sionem beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis, ac ejus Sponsi Joseph, quæcumque præsentis vitæ necessitas postulat, misericorditer cum gratiarum actione assequamur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

sion of the Blessed and Ever-Virgin Mary and of Saint Joseph her spouse, whatsoever things are needful in this present life we may mercifully obtain, with thanksgiving. Through Christ Our Lord.

The priest then sprinkles the ring with holy water.

The man, having received the blessed ring from the hand of the priest, places it on the third finger of the woman's left hand, saying:

With this ring, I plight unto thee my troth.

Then the priest says:

In nomine Patris, et Filii, ✠ et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Finally he says:

Go in peace, and may the Lord be always with you. Amen.

