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The Consent

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHIN MASS

61. The Priest invites them to declare their consent:

**Since it is your intention to enter
the covenant of Holy Matrimony,
join your right hands and declare your consent
before God and his Church.**

They join their right hands.

63. If, however, it seems preferable for pastoral reasons,
the Priest may obtain the consent of the contracting
parties through questioning.

First, he asks the bridegroom:

**N., do you take N., to be your wife?
Do you promise to be faithful to her
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
to love her and to honor her
all the days of your life?**

The bridegroom replies:

I do.

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(cont.)

Next, the Priest asks the bride:

**N., do you take N., to be your husband?
Do you promise to be faithful to him
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
to love him and to honor him
all the days of your life?**

The bride replies:

I do.