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The Consent

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHOUT MASS

95. *The minister 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.**

96. *The following alternative form may be used:*

The bridegroom says:

I, N., take you, N., for my lawful wife,
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.

The bride says:

I, N., take you, N., for my lawful 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.