

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.**

97. If, however, it seems preferable for pastoral reasons,  
the minister 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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Next, the minister 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.