

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.

The following alternative form may be used:

First, he asks the bridegroom:

**N., do you take N. for your 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 you part?**

The bridegroom replies:

I do.

Next, the minister asks the bride:

**N., do you take N. for your 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?**

The bride replies:

I do.