

The Blessing and Giving of the *Arras*

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY BETWEEN A CATHOLIC AND A CATECHUMEN OR A NON-CHRISTIAN

133. If the occasion so suggests, the rite of blessing and giving of the *arras* (coins) may take place following the blessing and giving of rings.

The one who presides says:

**Bless, ✠ O Lord, these *arras*
that N. and N. will give to each other
and pour over them the abundance of your good gifts.**

The husband takes the *arras* and hands them over to his wife, saying:

N., receive these *arras* as a pledge of God's blessing and a sign of the good gifts we will share.

The wife takes the *arras* and hands them over to the husband, saying:

N., receive these *arras* as a pledge of God's blessing and a sign of the good gifts we will share.

134. Then a hymn or canticle of praise may be sung by the whole community.