

# ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHOUT MASS

## **Introductory Rites:**

### Entrance:

First Form: Priest/deacon with servers goes to door of church, receives the wedding party, and warmly greets them, showing that the Church shares their joy (no microphone; personal and welcoming). The family, wedding party, bridegroom, and bride enter in "customary manner". With the Opening Song, the servers, readers, and priest/deacon process to altar and chair (as at regular Sunday Mass); #80, #81, #82

Second Form: Priest/deacon with servers goes to place prepared for couple or to the chair. When the wedding party and couple arrive, the priest/deacon greets the couple warmly, showing that the Church shares in their joy (no microphone; personal and welcoming). With the Opening Song, the priest/deacon venerates the altar and proceeds to the chair; #83, #84, #85

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

\*Rite provides two options for welcome ("in these or similar words" #87)

Collect (no Penitential Rite; no *Glory to God*)

## **Liturgy of the Word: Chapter IV**

First Reading: 9 options

Responsorial Psalm: 7 options

Second Reading: 14 options (\*Ephesians 4:1-6 not in Lectionary, Volume IV)

Gospel Acclamation: 4 options

Gospel: 10 options

Homily

## **Celebration of Matrimony:**

Since two witnesses stand, all in assembly invited to stand as witnesses

Address to Bride and Groom ("in these or similar words" #93)

Questions before Consent: Groom and Bride each say, "I have" - "I am" - "I am" #94

Consent: two options: preferred to have groom and bride repeat after priest/

Deacon #95; second option: each respond "I do" to consent #97

\*Reception of Consent with Sung Response by all, an acclamation of praise #98

Blessing and Giving of Rings #100, #101

\*Optional Hymn (Canticle of Praise) may be sung by all #102

Universal Prayer: two options; #216/#217 (Concluding Prayer is Lord's Prayer)

Lord's Prayer (after Our Father, *Deliver us* is omitted)

Nuptial Blessing: three options; OCM and Roman Missal

## **Communion outside Mass:**

When two Catholics marry

Lord's Prayer #109

If appropriate, Sign of Peace is exchanged #110

Reception of Communion followed by Prayer after Communion #115

**Local Custom:** Optional: Flower to Blessed Virgin Mary

Flowers to mothers

## **Concluding Rites:**

Final Blessing (no dismissal)

**Local Custom:** Optional: Introduce Couple

Recessional (nothing specified, instrumental or hymn)