

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

## **Rite of Reception:** (can be omitted)

Priest/deacon goes with the servers to the door of the church or to the place that has been chosen, where he receives the bridal party and warmly greets them (no microphone; personal and welcoming); #119

Entrance Procession

Introduction ("in these or similar words" #120)

No Penitential Rite; No *Glory to God*; No Collect

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

Old Testament Readings: 9 options

Responsorial Psalm: 7 options

New Testament Readings: 14 options (\*Ephesians 4:1-6 not in Lectionary, Volume IV)

Gospel Acclamation: 4 options

Gospel: 10 options

Homily

## **Celebration of Matrimony:**

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

Address to Bride and Groom ("in these or similar words" #124)

Questions before Consent: Groom and Bride each say, "I have" – "I am" – "I am" #125

Consent: two options: preferred to have groom and bride repeat after priest/deacon #126, #127; second option: each respond "I do" to questions #128

\*Reception of Consent with Sung Response by all, an acclamation of praise #129

Blessing and Giving of Rings: (optional) #131, #132

\*Optional Hymn (Canticle of Praise) may be sung by all #134

Universal Prayer: two options #216/#217

Lord's Prayer (for Christians only)

Nuptial Blessing (may be omitted) #138; can be replaced with Prayer in Rite #140

## **Conclusion of Celebration:**

**Local Custom:** Optional: Flower to Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic bride)

Flowers to mothers

Final Blessing (no dismissal) #141

**Local Custom:** Optional: Introduce Couple

Song (optional) #142

Recessional