

THE ORDER OF BLESSING A MARRIED COUPLE WITHIN MASS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

237. On the main anniversaries of Marriage, as for example, on the twenty-fifth, fiftieth, or sixtieth anniversary, it is fitting to hold a special remembrance of the Sacrament by means of the celebration of the proper Mass with the prayers indicated in the Roman Missal (*Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*, 11, *On the Anniversaries of Marriage*).
238. In the Liturgy of the Word, the readings may be taken either from the Lectionary for the *Celebration of Marriage* or from the *Mass of Giving Thanks to God* from the Lectionary for *Masses for Various Needs*.
239. The homily, based on the sacred text, should expound the mystery and grace of Christian married life, keeping in mind the various circumstances of individuals. Following the homily, the Order of Blessing takes place.

Address: ("in these or similar words" #240)

Invitation to couple(s) to pray in silence and renew before God their commitment to live Marriage in holiness.

Renewal of Commitment: may be done quietly or publicly

Public form of Renewal: #242
Husband – publicly prays
Wife – publicly prays
Husband and Wife – publicly pray
Priest: Prayer of Blessing

Blessing of Rings: #243

Prayer (Rings may be honored with an incensation)
Special Prayer provided for blessing of new rings #244

Universal Prayer: #245

Blessing of Couple: (following the Our Father, the *Deliver us* is omitted) #248

Solemn Blessing: (at end of Mass; optional) #251