
The Rite Of Betrothal Continued.

3. The priest now bids the couple (kneeling at the altar rail) to join right hands, the while they repeat after him the following:

The man:

"In the name of our Lord, I, _____, promise that I will one day take thee, _____, as my wife, according to the ordinances of God and holy Church. I will love thee even as myself. I will keep faith and loyalty to thee, and so in thy necessities aid and comfort thee; which things and all that a man ought to do unto his espoused I promise to do unto thee and to keep by the faith that is in me."

The woman:

"In the name of our Lord, I, _____, in the form and manner wherein thou hast promised thyself unto me, do declare and affirm that I will one day bind and oblige myself unto thee, and will take thee, _____, as my husband. And all that thou hast pledged unto me I promise to do and keep unto thee, by the faith that is in me."

4. Then the priest takes the two ends of his stole and in the form of a cross places them over the clasped hands of the couple. Holding the stole in place with his left hand, he says:

"I bear witness of your solemn proposal and I declare you betrothed. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." (As he pronounces the last words, he sprinkles them with holy water in the form of a cross.)

5. Thereupon he blesses the engagement ring (Notre Dame miniature!). After the versicles and responses, he says this prayer:

"O God Almighty, Creator and preserver of the human race, and the Giver of everlasting salvation, deign to allow the Holy Spirit, the Consoler to come with His blessing upon this ring. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, etc. Amen." (The ring is sprinkled with holy water.)

6. The man takes the ring and places it first on the index finger of the left hand of the woman, saying: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, then on the middle finger, adding: AND OF THE SON, finally placing and leaving it on the ring finger, he concludes: AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

7. The priest opens the missal at the beginning of the Canon, and presents the page imprinted with the crucifixion to be kissed first by the man and then by the woman. (--to be continued.)

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