
The Rite of Betrothal Concluded.

8. If Mass does not follow (or even if Mass is to follow), the priest may read the following passages from Sacred Scripture: a selection from Tobias 7:8, and a second from John 15: 4-12, the latter of which we quote in part:

"At that time, Jesus said to His disciples; Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. . . . Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; as I also have kept my Father's commandments, and do abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be filled. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. . . ."

9. Lastly, the priest extends his hands over the heads of the couple, and says:

"May God bless your bodies and your souls. May He shed His blessing upon you as He blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May the hand of the Lord be upon you, may He send His holy Angel to guard you all the days of your life. Amen. Go in peace!"

10. Before leaving the church, the betrothed couple as well as the witnesses will affix their signatures to the document previously prepared for this purpose. A form for the document is as follows; (there are others):

In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ; Before the almighty God, before Holy Church and her faithful here assembled, we, the undersigned, have this day promised the eventual consecration of one to the other in the sacrament of matrimony, which is none other than the mystery of that great Sacrament-- Christ and His beloved Spouse, the Church. May the Divine Spirit with His grace and manifold gifts enlighten our minds and move our wills to spend the days of our engagement soberly, piously, and justly, awaiting the blessed consummation of that union to which we have been called and to which we are solemnly pledged. In thee, O Lord, do we put our trust. Let us nevermore be confounded.

(This document is then signed by engaged couple, witnesses and priest.)

Freshmen Gargoyles.

For all practical purposes a gargoyle is an architectural device used as a water spout. Grotesquely carved, it looks like a devilish figure squatting against the verticle top-side of a building or church. During the Middle Ages the gargoyle represented symbolically an outlet for evil spirits.

Last Saturday from a freshman hall, human gargoyles struck fancy poses over window sills, stretched adolescent necks, spouted grotesque whees and whoos at a group of visiting high school pin-ups. There ought to be a law against matriculating fuzzy-faced Peeping Toms in reverse, adolescents who never quite outgrew the devastating experience of being high school seniors.