



The Rite of Matrimony

The priest or deacon questions them about their freedom of choice, fidelity to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children, and each responds separately.

(Name) and (Name), have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

The bridegroom and bride each say:

I have.

Priest or deacon:

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

The bridegroom and bride each say:

I am.

Priest or deacon:

Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

The bridegroom and bride each say:

I am.

Consent

The priest or deacon invites them to declare their consent:

Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

They join their right hands.

The bridegroom says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wife. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

The bride says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

Interview someone in your family who has been married.

Ask them about being married. You can ask any questions you would like. For example:

Why did you decide to marry the person you did?

What makes you happiest about marriage?

Is there any hard about being married?

Has marriage made you a better person?

Write the questions and answers here and bring it back to class next week.