

# *Catholic Wedding Vows*



Catholic wedding vows are usually preceded by 3 questions from the priest:

1. "(Name) and (name), have you come here **freely** and without reservation to give **yourselves** to each other in marriage?"
2. "Will you **honor** each other as man and wife for the **rest** of your lives?"
3. "Will you accept **children** lovingly from **God**, and bring them up according to the law of **Christ** and his **Church**?"

\*The bride and groom respond "I will" or "Yes"

## Wedding Vows - Option #1

**Priest (or deacon):** Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right **hands**, and declare your consent before **God** and his **Church**.

**Groom:** I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife. I promise to be **true** to you in good times and in **bad**, in **sickness** and in **health**. I will **love** you and **honor** you all the days of my life.

**Bride:** I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband. I promise to be **true** to you in good times and in **bad**, in **sickness** and in **health**. I will **love** you and **honor** you all the days of my life.

\*The priest acknowledges that the couple have declared their consent to be married, prays for God's blessing on the couple, and declares, "What God has joined, men must not divide".

This is the point at which, sacramentally, the bride and groom become wife and husband.

## Wedding Vows - Option #2

**Priest (or deacon):** Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

**Groom:** I, (name), take you, (name), for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for **better**, for **worse**, for **richer**, for **poorer**, in **sickness** and in **health**, until death do us part.

**Bride:** I, (name), take you, (name), for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for **better**, for **worse**, for **richer**, for **poorer**, in **sickness** and in **health**, until death do us part.

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## The Blessing of Rings

The Blessing of Rings follows the declaration of consent. The priest says a blessing over the wedding rings and then the couple exchanges wedding rings.

**Groom** (placing the wedding **ring** on his wife's ring finger):  
(Name), take this ring as a sign of my **love** and **fidelity**. In the name of the **Father** , and of the **Son** , and of the **Holy Spirit** .

**Bride** (placing the wedding **ring** on her husband's ring finger):  
(Name), take this ring as a sign of my **love** and **fidelity**. In the name of the **Father** , and of the **Son** , and of the **Holy Spirit** .



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