DURING THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

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

1. "(Name) and (name), have you come here __________________ and without reservation to give __________________ to each other in marriage?"

2. "Will you __________ each other as man and wife for the _______ of your lives?"

3. "Will you accept __________________ lovingly from ______, and bring them up according to the law of __________ and his __________?"

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

B. Wedding Vows

Priest (or deacon): “Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right __________, and declare your consent before __________ and his __________.”

*Option #1*

“I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise to be __________ to you in _______ times and in ________, in __________ and in _______________.

   I will __________ you and ______________ you all the days of my life.”

*Option #2*

“I, (name), take you, (name), for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for __________, for __________, for __________, for __________, in __________ and in __________, until death do us part.”

   *The priest acknowledges that the couple has 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.

C. 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.

“(Name), take this ______ as a sign of my ______ and __________. In the name of the __________, and of the ________, and of the ______________.”
THE MEANING OF THE MARRIAGE VOWS

Catholic wedding vows promise that one’s love will always be ___ ___ ___ ___

1. ___________________

I’m not being forced or ______________ to marry by any________ or any____________.

2. _________________

I understand that marriage is not a _____/_____ contract, but a _____/_____ covenant.

3. ___________________

I’m committed to loving my spouse (and no one else!). I will be faithful with my __________, __________, and __________.

4. _________________

I am open to the _________ of _________________.

MARRIAGE MIRRORS THE TRINITY