

Tridentine Community News

September 22, 2019 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rite of Betrothal – Part 2 of 3

Below is the first part of the English translation of the Rite of Betrothal from the Traditional Roman Ritual, which speaks beautifully of God's plan for the man and the woman.

1. The priest (vested in surplice and white stole) with his assistants (vested in surplice) awaits the couple at the altar rail. At hand are the stoup with holy water and the altar missal. As the man and woman come forward with the two witnesses they have chosen, the following antiphon and psalm are sung on the eighth psalm tone:

Antiphon: To the Lord I will tender my promise: in the presence of all His people.

Psalm 126

Unless the house be of the Lord's building, in vain do the builders labor. Unless the Lord be the guard of the city, 'tis in vain the guard keeps his sentry. It is futile that you rise before daybreak, to be astir in the midst of darkness, Ye that eat the bread of hard labor; for He deals bountifully to His beloved while they are sleeping. Behold, offspring result from God's giving, a fruitful womb the regard of His blessing. Like arrows in the hand of the warrior, are children begotten of a youthful father.

Happy the man who has filled therewith his quiver; they shall uphold him in contending at the gate with his rival. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, through endless ages. Amen.

Antiphon: To the Lord I will tender my promise: in the presence of all His people.

2. The priest now addresses them:

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Beloved of Christ: It is in the dispensation of Divine Providence that you are called to the holy vocation of marriage. For this reason, you present yourselves today before Christ and His Church, before His sacred minister and the devout people of God, to ratify in solemn manner the engagement bespoken between you. At the same time you entreat the blessing of the Church upon your proposal, as well as the earnest supplications of the faithful here present, since you fully realize that what has been inspired and guided by the will of your heavenly Father requires equally His grace to be brought to a happy fulfillment. We are confident that you have given serious and prayerful deliberation to your pledge of wedlock; moreover, that you have sought counsel from the

superiors whom God has placed over you. In the time that intervenes, you will prepare for the sacrament of matrimony by a period of virtuous courtship, so that when the happy and blessed day arrives for you to give yourselves irrevocably to each other, you will have laid a sound spiritual foundation for long years of godly prosperity on earth and eventual blessedness together in the life to come. May the union you purpose one day to consummate as man and wife be found worthy to be in all truth a sacramental image and reality of the union of Christ and His beloved Bride, the

Church. This grant, Thou Who livest and reignest, God, forever and evermore.

R. Amen.

3. The priest now bids the couple to join their right hands, while they repeat after him the following:

The man:

In the name of our Lord, I, N.N., promise that I will one day take thee, N.N., 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 thine 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, N.N., 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, N.N., 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.

R. Amen.

As he pronounces the last words, he sprinkles them with holy water in the form of a cross.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 09/24 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Our Lady of Ransom)

Sat. 09/28 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr)

Sun. 09/29 6:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *St. Mary of Redford* (Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel) – Rosary, Novena Prayers for fallen away Catholics, and veneration of relics follow the Mass

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the Holy Spirit. R. 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:		
V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.	
R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.	R. Who made heaven and earth.	
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	V. O Lord, hear my prayer.	
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	R. And let my cry come unto thee.	
V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you.	
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.	
Orémus. Oratio	Let us pray. Prayer	
O MNIPOTENS Deus, creator et conservator humani generis, ac largitor aeternae salutis, permitte digneris Spiritum sanctum Paraclitum super hunc annulum. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. R. Amen.	O GOD Almighty, Creator and preserver of the human race, and the Giver of everlasting salvation, deign to allow the Holy Spirit, the Comforter to come with His blessing upon this ring. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for endless ages. R. Amen.	
Et aspergatur aqua benedicta.	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.		