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THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHIN MASS

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join your right hands and declare your consent
before God and his Church.**

They join their right hands.

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I, N., take you, N., to be my wife.
I promise to be faithful to you,
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The bride says:

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The bridegroom replies:

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Next, the Priest asks the bride:

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