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## The Order of Celebrating Matrimony: What's New?

On February 2, 2016, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, issued a Decree of Publication for the English translation of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. He wrote that the ritual text "may be published and used in the Liturgy as of September 8, 2016, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and its use is mandatory as of December 30, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. From that day forward, no other English edition of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony may be used in the dioceses of the United States." The Spanish language edition of this rite, *Ritual de Matrimonio*, had already been published by the USCCB in 2010.

Following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the Church published a revised Rite of Marriage (in Latin) in 1969 and the official English translation was published in 1970. A second typical edition, *Ordo Celebrandi Matrimonium, edition typical altera*, was promulgated by Pope John Paul II in March 1990, and it was published (in Latin) and became effective in 1991. This new edition had several changes, including an enrichment of the Introduction, additional rites and prayers, and certain changes which were in keeping with the 1983 Code of Canon Law. With changes to the rules of translation and other liturgical texts that took priority in the translation process, including the Roman Missal, this second edition was not published in English until 2016.

There are several things that have changed or been added in this second edition. The following is an outline of these changes/additions:

- The name has been changed from the *Rite of Marriage* to the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.
- The *Praenotanda* or *Introduction* has been greatly expanded, giving a deeper exposition of the Church's rich theology of the Sacrament.
- The Entrance Rites have been expanded and there are two sample introductory addresses provided for the priest or deacon.
- There is a clarification that the Penitential Act is omitted and that the Gloria is always in-



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cluded when matrimony is celebrated in the context of the ritual Mass.

- There are additional Scripture readings that were already present in the *Lectionary for Mass, Volume IV* (updated 1997-1999). \*\*\*There is a new rubric that states: "At least one reading that explicitly speaks of Marriage must always be chosen."
- There are two options for the Greeting of the Bridal Party/Bride & Groom at the entrance to the church or when they arrive in the sanctuary.
- There are options for the manner of the Entrance Procession, which simply suggests "in the customary manner." The customary manner for an entrance procession to begin a liturgy is the procession of the ministers, including the cross bearer, servers, lector, and priest.
- In the 1969 edition, the rite provided three options for the Penitential Rite. Now, there is specific mention that the Penitential Act is to be omitted.
- While the 1969 edition assumed that the Gloria was to be sung/recited when it was prescribed for the liturgical day, the new edition is more in harmony with the Roman Missal, which says that it is always included in a celebration of a Ritual Mass.
- The revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony includes expanded selections for the prayers of the Mass.
- There are two new rituals provided in the appendices which include *An Order of Blessing an Engaged Couple* and an *Order of Blessing a Married Couple within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage*.

## Cultural Adaptations

The Holy See approved certain cultural adaptations to the Order of Celebrating Matrimony in the United States.

- The Blessing and Giving of the Arras (Coins)
- The Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or Veil

Both of these adaptations have been important for both Hispanic and Filipino cultures and been approved for use in the United States in Spanish ritual since 2010. Making them available in the English translation is intended for occasions when one, or both, of the spouses has this cultural background but have become more accustomed to English than Spanish. While they were initially cultural adaptations for Hispanic and Filipino cultures, no one is prohibited from incorporating them in the celebration of matrimony.

### *Blessing and Giving of the Arras*

The word *arras* literally means "pledge." Usually, the *arras* consists of thirteen gilded or plated coins symbolizing prosperity. The formula which both bride and groom say to each other during the exchange of the arras highlights their commitment to share together all the goods which they will receive during their married life.



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## Important Dates

### Celebrating the Order of Matrimony, 2nd Edition Workshops

Saturday, October 15, 2016

8:30 a.m.— Noon

All Saints' Parish

216 All Saints' Drive

Stuart, IA 50250

### Liturgy Formation

#### Guest Speaker, Rev. Paul Turner

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Location TBD



### *Blessing and Placing of the Lazo or Veil*

The *lazo* is a type of lasso or yoke to symbolize the marriage union. Its most usual form is a double-looped rosary; one loop goes over the groom's shoulders and the other over the bride's with the cross hanging between them. The two are now "tied" together for life. To use the biblical expression, they become "one flesh."

The veil seems to have had its origins as a symbol of both a dying to one's past self (like a funeral pall) and as a protection from danger (like a cloak or protective covering). While the woman wears the veil, it is placed over the shoulder of the man and oftentimes the lazo helps to hold it in place. It is usually placed just before the Nuptial Blessing, since the Nuptial Blessing, symbolized by the veil, is the "protection" which the church offers the newly married couple.

### Ritual Books

Because of the revisions to the Order of Celebrating Matrimony, parishes will need to purchase new ritual books. Those books may be ordered from three different publishers:

- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Washington D.C.
- The Liturgical Press: Collegeville, Minnesota
- The Catholic Book Publishing Corporation: Totowa, New Jersey

The Liturgical Press is the only publisher at this time that publishes a bilingual edition. Parishes who order their ritual books through the Diocesan Office for Worship will receive a discount on the price of the book.

# From Conflict to Communion

## Lutheran – Catholic Common Prayer

### **Historic Moment for Catholics and Lutherans.**

The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Ever since the Second Vatican Council issued the Decree on Ecumenism, the Church has been moving ever closer to Christian Unity. Pope Francis will be praying with Lutherans and Catholics on October 31 in Lund, Sweden.

Des Moines area Lutherans and Catholics will join together at 4 p.m., on November 6, at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Join Bishop Richard Pates, Bishop Michael Burk, of the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and priests, pastors, and many Lutherans and Catholics for this historic event.

Kathryn L. Johnson will speak at the service. She is the director of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Kathryn has been on the board for the document From Conflict To Communion, and she will be in Lund, Sweden, with Pope Francis, just one week before our service in Des Moines. Come and be part of this important effort to help realize the prayer of Jesus, "that all may be one."

Statement of the international Lutheran-Catholic dialogue team regarding commemoration of the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Reformation, entitled From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017 It may be downloaded for free from the Lutheran World Federation website:

<http://www.lutheranworld.org/resources>

Or it may be read on the Vatican website. All of the current Lutheran-Catholic dialogue documents are located under the tab "Promoting Christian Unity" on this page:

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/)

All singers and musicians are invited to join in the music ministry for this event.

Below is the link for the music for the upcoming Lutheran Catholic worship service at St. Ambrose Cathedral on November 6.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lutheran-catholic-massed-choir-tickets-27947962107>