

A SAMPLE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT (Includes Re-Affirmation of Vows from Order of Celebrating Matrimony)

The Celebrant invites the remainder of the congregation to pray in silence as married couples renew before God their sacred matrimonial commitment to each other.

Celebrant:

"Dear Friends, on your wedding day, you stood before the Church's minister and the community, and solemnly vowed your love. On this World Marriage Day, you stand before the community of faith as a reminder of the great beauty of the Sacrament/Covenant of Matrimony."

"You stand before those who are living the single vocation in the Church. Your marriage vows complement their lives of commitment and service to the Lord's call."

"You stand before widows and widowers who recall the love and commitment given to their spouse."

"You stand before us as witnesses to the married love which Christ abundantly blessed on your wedding day. I invite you now to recommit to the promises you made in mutual and lasting fidelity."

Couples (repeat after the celebrant):

Husbands: Blessed are you, Lord, for your goodness I look **N.** as my wife.

Wives: Blessed are you, Lord, for your goodness I look **N.** as my husband.

Both: Blessed are you, Lord, for in the good and bad times of our life you have stood by lovingly by our side. Help us, we pray, to remain faithful in our love for one another, so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with humankind.

Celebrant:

May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life. May he be your comfort in adversity and your support in prosperity. May he fill your home with his blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

(Response) Amen

Celebrant:

Bow down for the blessing.

May God the all-powerful Father, grant you his joy. (Response) Amen

May the only Begotten Son of God stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad. (Response) Amen

May the Holy Spirit always pour forth his love into your hearts.

(Response) Amen

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Response) Amen

