

## ***The Consent***

*(commonly known as the Exchange of Vows)*

**The Vows are at the heart of the sacrament of Matrimony. These three short sentences should be memorized for the wedding ceremony itself, so that they may be easily recalled, lived and renewed throughout your married life.**

### Introduction by the Priest/Deacon:

Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

#### **The bridegroom says:**

I, **N.**, take you, **N.**, to be my wife.  
I promise to be faithful to you,  
in good times and in bad,  
in sickness and in health,  
to love you and to honor you  
all the days of my life.

#### **The bride says:**

I, **N.**, take you, **N.**, to be my husband.  
I promise to be faithful to you,  
in good times and in bad,  
in sickness and in health,  
to love you and to honor you  
all the days of my life.