



### **The exchange of consent is the heart of the Rite of Marriage.**

Couples may declare their consent using one of the following formulas:

- 1.** I (name) take you (name) to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.
- 2.** I (name) take you (name) for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

The bride and groom may also use one of the following formulas in which each answers I do after the priest or deacon poses the question.

- 3.** (Name), do you take (name) to be your wife/husband? Do you promise to be true to her/him in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love her/him and to honor her/him all the days of your life?...I do.
- 4.** (Name), do you take (name) for your lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?...I do.