

RITE FOR CELEBRATING RENEWAL IN CHURCH WITHIN MASS

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

- 1 Mass begins in the usual way.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- 2 The liturgy of the word follows the usual pattern. Readings may be chosen from the Lectionary, vol. 3., in Thanksgiving, or for Marriage.

RITE OF RENEWAL

3 The rite of renewal follows the homily.

CALLING OF THE COUPLES

4 After the homily, the couples may be called from the congregation to a suitable place in or at the edge of the sanctuary.

SHORT ADDRESS

5 The priest briefly addresses the congregation in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,
we are gathered together with these couples, our friends,
who give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage,
and today reaffirm their marriage covenant.

LIGHTING OF THE WEDDING CANDLE

6 Where only one couple are renewing their commitment, they may relight their wedding candle here.

INVITATION

7 The priest invites the couples to join their hands and to renew their commitment, in these or similar words.

Dear friends,
on your wedding day you freely pledged your love.
Join hands now and give your promise anew.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

8 The couples may turn to face each other. They say the following in a clear voice, audible to the congregation.

We pledge ourselves anew
to love and honour each other
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health
till death us do part.
We pledge ourselves anew
to love and support our children
and to share with them all we value.

Where desired, the children of the couples may add the following.

We pledge ourselves anew
to love and respect our parents
who gave us life and faith.

All present say together:

We pledge ourselves anew
to be loyal, considerate, and forgiving
to all those with whom we live,
that in our home we may find Christ
and in our lives others may see him.

SIGN OF PEACE

9 The priest concludes the renewal in these or similar words.

Let us confirm these pledges in Christ
by offering each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

10 Some intercessions are made, constructed in the usual form. These are to be broad in scope, praying for the Church and for the world, as well as for the needs of the couples and the present congregation.