

Preparing the Marriage Liturgy with the Couple

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony encourages presiders to prepare the wedding liturgy with the engaged couple.

With the advice of the presider, together they may choose:

- the liturgical day and season
- the rite (OCM: Chapter I, II, or III)
- the liturgical ministers
- the form of the entrance procession
- the readings from Sacred Scripture, which will be explained in the homily
- the Mass propers as found in the *Roman Missal* [for Rite I]
- the texts from *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*
 - the formula and method for the Consent
 - the formularies for the Blessing and Giving of Rings
 - the inclusion of the Universal Prayers
 - the text of the Nuptial Blessing
- the composition of the Universal Prayers
- cultural adaptations
- liturgical music – including hymns, psalm, dialogues and acclamations
- the arrangement of the environment
- posture, placement and movement during the liturgy