

A SAMPLE RENEWAL OF VOWS

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 your children who reflect the life and love you have given to them through your marriage."

"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 renew the promises you made in mutual and lasting fidelity."

Couples (repeat after the celebrant):

Husbands: "I have taken you and take you again _____, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in the good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

Wives: "I have taken you and take you again _____, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in the good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

Celebrant:

"You have renewed your marriage vows before the Church. May the Lord in His goodness strengthen your commitment and fill you with His blessings. Amen"

Celebrant: "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing."

"May God the almighty Father, give you joy. (Response) Amen"

"May the only Son of God have mercy on you and help you in good times and in bad. (Response) Amen"

"May the Holy Spirit always fill your hearts with love. (Response) Amen"

"And may almighty God bless you all, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Response) Amen"