

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
AT A MIXED RELIGION WEDDING

The Rite of Marriage states that in a marriage between a Catholic and a baptized person who is not Catholic, if suitable, the Ordinary of the place may give permission for the celebration of the wedding to be within the celebration of Mass. (#8)

I, the celebrant for the wedding of:

(printed name of Catholic party)
and

(printed name of baptized non-Catholic)

who has been baptized in the _____ denomination,
request permission for the wedding to be celebrated within Mass at

_____, _____, on _____
(name of church) (town) (date)

I give my personal assurance that the Eucharist will not be given to any non-Catholic in the wedding party, and further that I will read the following statement to the entire congregation at the wedding:

"We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not members of the Catholic Church. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to you an invitation to receive communion. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus. While we cannot extend to you an invitation to receive communion, we do invite you to be united with us in prayer."

(signature of celebrant)

I, the pastor of the above named church where the wedding is scheduled to be celebrated, hereby state that I have no objection to this request for permission for the celebration of this wedding within the Mass.

(signature of pastor)

Permission granted: _____
(date) (Chancellor)
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