

Student 3: Low Merit

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At a Catholic wedding, the readings are chosen by the couple. This allows the couple to choose readings that are more relevant to them and so helps to make the ceremony more personal.

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The Prayer of the Faithful can also be unique to the couple if they write them for themselves. It lets the couples express their feelings and beliefs through the prayer. This means that they can directly communicate with God during the ceremony.

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The community praying for and with the couple did not occur in the 1914 Rite of Marriage. Significantly, since Vatican II in the early 1960's, the couple writing their own prayer and choosing readings has given the people who have gathered and supported the union a chance to participate in the ceremony.

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Vatican II also brought about that they can pray in their own language too.

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Now the service is said in many languages, not just Latin. This has meant that the couple can choose which language it is said in and they know what they are committing themselves to.

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This has happened because Vatican II wanted the laity to be more involved in the Church.