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Your Eminence:

I am writing to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to clarify the use of chant for the prayers and blessings found in the Nuptial Mass of the 1962 *Missale Romanum*. Various ritual books published before Trent and afterwards include chant notation for the Nuptial Blessing, suggesting that the blessing (along with the other prayers particular to a Nuptial Mass) could be sung rather than recited on more solemn occasions. The Ordinary Form also makes this provision, such as in the 2016 edition of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. However, the 1962 *Missale Romanum*, the 1957 *Rituale Romanum*, and the 1962 *Parish Ritual* are all silent on the question. Thus I ask, assuming all the requirements for imparting the Nuptial Blessing are met:

Is it permitted to sing the Nuptial Blessing (*Deus, qui potestate virtutis*) and accompanying prayers (such as *Propitiare Domine supplicationibus nostris* and *Deus Abraham, Deus Isaac*, etc.) during a sung Mass offered for a newly-married couple in the Extraordinary Form?

With filial devotion,

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