

must notify the parish priest of the parties, (that of the bride, in as much as it is possible), and see that the marriage be regularly inscribed in the registers of the parish.

10o—You have noticed that the decree requires every marriage to be recorded in the act of baptism of each of the parties. This measure, if faithfully observed, will be very useful in establishing the liberty of the parties. To render its execution easier, here is what we decree : a) As far as possible, you will exact a certificate of baptism from those who ask to be married. Notify your parishioners of this requirement and request them to comply with it.

b) The afore-said annotations shall be written on the margin of the act of baptism of each of the parties ; they will indicate their names and surnames, the date and place of the marriage. Thus, for instance, the priest will write on the margin of the act of baptism of the bridegroom : " has wedded Miss.... (the name of the bride) on.... at....

c) Concerning persons who get married in the parish wherein they have been baptized, the parish priest or his assistant will note it in the parochial registers.

d) When one of the parties has been baptized in another parish, the pastor performing the marriage ceremony shall send to the parish priest within the limits of whose jurisdiction the party was baptized, all necessary facts : that is, he will give the names and surnames of the parties, the date and place of their marriage and baptism. In order to facilitate things, we have prepared special blanks (of which we send you a few copies). It will be your duty to fill them in and send them immediately to the pastor of the parish wherein