Explanations and Directions for the use of Benziger Brothers' Baptismal Register.

The Column Numerus Currens is used for the consecutive number of entries which is registered in the Index for future reference, after the name has been entered therein.

The other columns in this Register are simple and self-explanatory. **The Decree concerning "Sponsalia" and Matrimony,** issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Council by the Order and with the Authority of Our Holy Father Pope Pius X, dated August 2, 1907, a complete copy of which is printed on the first page of this book, also **affects the records of Baptism and Marriage** (see paragraph IX). In conformity with this Decree the line, **Matrimonium contraxit cum.....Quando.....Ubi.....Attestans.....**, immediately under the regular entry, has been provided. This form is filled out later on by the Pastor when the person baptised has entered the state of Holy Matrimony. In case said party has been married in said parish, the Pastor transfers this necessary information direct from his Matrimonial Record; otherwise he will receive this information from the Pastor of the Parish, in which the person has been married.

While the headings are all in the language of the Church, the entry may be made in the vernacular, if preferred.

This Record is strictly in conformity with the Ritual, and will be found to be by far the simplest and most business-like Record on the market.

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