



# LIZA DOES AN ABOUT FAITH

IS Liza Minnelli confused about religion? Is the Pope Catholic?!

The 55-year-old songbird is set to walk down the aisle for the fourth time, but can't seem to decide whether she is Catholic or Episcopalian.

When she first announced her engagement to showbiz entrepreneur David Gest, Liza said she wanted to wed

in New York City's famed St. Patrick's Cathedral. But the Catholic church quashed that idea because she's been divorced

three times, say friends. So now, the diva is planning to marry in St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

"I was raised an Episcopalian," declares Liza, who's flashing a 3.5 carat diamond ring. "That's what I am and always will be."

But as GLOBE's photo shows, Liza even had an audience with the Pope.

And her announcement has shocked her stepmother Lee Minnelli.

"I really can't understand

why Liza would say that," she tells GLOBE. "Liza was born Catholic and raised Catholic. It's a complete puzzle to me. We've never been anything but Catholic in this family. We're Italians, and Italians are Catholic.

"Maybe Liza has decided she's Episcopalian because that's the religion of her husband-to-be."

Liza met producer Gest in September at Michael Jackson's 30th anniversary gala in New York's Madison Square Garden, when he

recruited her to perform.

Despite the religious confusion, the happy couple plans to celebrate their union in front of 1,200 guests, including Liz Taylor, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and Tony Bennett, at the Regent Hotel in Manhattan.

"This will be a once-in-a-lifetime party," promises Gest, 48. "The reception will probably turn into an elegant jam session for about eight hours."

- ROBIN MIZRAHI

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