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***Your Christian Vocation***

Chapter 5 Directed Reading Worksheet

*Challenges to Marriage and Family Life*

**Directions**: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

**Introduction: *Upholding God’s Plan for Marriage*** *(pages 183–188)*

**1.** True or False? The *CCC* notes that marriage has always been threatened by discord, domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflict.

**2.** What challenges to the institution of marriage are noted here by the authors?

**3.** True or False? Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis agree that the rise in challenges to marriage include the perception that marriage is a restriction of personal opinion.

**4.** In *Humane Vita* Pope astutely warned that the widespread use of birth control would lead to increased marital and a general lowering of standards. It would produce a proclivity for men to forget the due to a woman, disregarding her physical and emotional

, and reducing her to an instrument for personal .

**5.** True or False? Pope Paul VI also warned of the danger of governments intervening in the personal and intimate responsibly of husbands and wives by imposing the use of contraceptive methods on entire countries.

**6.** Explain four of Pope Paul VI’s predictions that have come true since 1968.

**Section 1: *Marriage Is until Death*** *(pages 189–193)*

**7.** The Catholic Church, in to the words of Christ when he said, “what God has together, no human being must ,” must uphold the teaching that marriage is . Hence, while there are many variables in cases of civil , a valid marriage between Christians cannot be dissolved for any reason other than .

**8.** What are the negative effects of divorce on the institution of marriage, the spouses, the children, and society?

**9.** True or False? The Church deems separation and civil divorce in certain cases as impermissible.

**10.** True or False? A civil divorce is the end of a sacramental marriage.

**11.** True or False? A divorced or separated Catholic in good standing remains a member of the Church and should continue to receive the graces and sacraments of the Church.

**12.** The divorce in the U.S. has risen dramatically since the 1960s when divorce was widely adopted. The ease of divorce as a solution to marital , rather than attempting to them out, found fewer couples staying together. The Church recognizes the difference in between a spouse who tried to keep a marriage and one who did not.

**13.** True or False? Studies show that a majority of couples who think about divorce, but ultimately stay together, will later regret it.

**14.** True or False? Those who remarry solely based on civil divorce put themselves in an objective state of sin because their remarriages are invalid and a scandal to others, ultimately weakening the institution of marriage.

**15.** True or False? Catholics who are divorced, are not fully separated from the Church, but cannot receive the sacraments nor serve as a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

**16.** Can a couple living in an invalid remarriage ever be welcomed back to full communion with the Church? Explain.

**17.** True or False? The Church always sees marriage as a sacramental covenant and presumed valid unless proven otherwise.

**18.** What is a declaration of nullity? What does the Church declare when granting an annulment?

**19.** True or False? While an annulment acknowledges that an essential element for a valid marriage was missing, it does not suggest that children born of the union are illegitimate.

**20.** Briefly explain five common grounds for nullity.

**21.** True or False? The annulment process is concerned with behavior after the wedding day.

**Section 2: *Marriage Is between One Man and One Woman*** *(pages 194–197)*

**22.** The *CCC* urges that persons with deep-seated homosexual must be treated with respect, compassion, and . Like all people, they are called to and be loved. Modern

, however, often suggest that is the highest expression of love. But philia and

are really the two highest types of love as only these can create deep, , and fulfilling friendships.

**23.** True or False? True love wills the happiness of the other person.

**24.** True or False? Christians understand that loving someone does not mean we accept and approve every decision a person makes without question.

**25.** Why does the CCC say that ’homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered?

**26.** While the Church recognizes acts as disordered this does not mean that persons with homosexual are disordered persons. Rather she and accepts them as made in the

and likeness of God and those who act hatefully toward them act what he Catholic

Church teaches: people should not be only by their sexual .

**27.** True or False? The basis for understanding why protecting and promoting marriage as the union between one man and one woman is in recognizing the complementarity of the two sexes.

**28.** Explain why the Church resists attempts by society to redefine marriage.

**Section 3: *Marriage Is a Unique Relationship*** *(pages 198–202)*

**29.** True or False? According to a multitude of studies, couples who cohabitate have a lower risk for breakup and divorce after marriage.

**30.** What are three reasons the Church opposes cohabitation?

**31.** Due to a lack of good relationship development, couples who before marriage often experience communication and decision-making. Cohabiting for

is a poor preparation for married life which at times is inconvenient and .

**32.** True or False? Living together for economic reasons recognizes the deeper spiritual good of waiting for the stable and committed relationship of marriage.

**33.** is more likely among those who cohabitate because those they have “ ” by living a

agreement. They communicate significantly less well and are less when they do marry and report an on sexual relations and less emphasis on ways of

which ultimately lead to a more fulfilling sexual union after .

**34.** There is no good way to God’s design for marriage without damaging the relationship and those

by it. Common marriages and de facto often fail because they are built on foundations. It shows the Church has a couple’s interest in mind when she says that a couple should begin living together only making a total and definitive of themselves in

marriage.

**Section 4: *Marriage Is Faithful*** *(pages 203–208)*

**35.** Explain why the bond of marriage is different from other bonds we make in life.

**36.** List changes that can and do occur that affect a marriage.

**37.** True or False? Pornography is a sin against temperance.

**38.** With the proper , couples celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony are promised all of the

they need in order to live out their and be a sign of Christ’s love to the world.

is constantly present in their marriage and in the of married life, a couple take on

this dimension for each other, their children, and as a to the world.