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Marriage and Holy Orders

Directed Reading Guide

Unit 2 Called to Holiness through Marriage

Chapter 6: Transitions, Challenges, and Rewards of Marriage and Family Life

Directions: Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

Twists and Turns

Read pages 166-168.

1. What is the secret to a happy married and family life?
2. True/False? In twenty-first century American culture, the challenges of married life include external threats of individualism and an anti-life mentality.
3. Specific graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony include tenderness, _____, respect, fidelity, and _____ to others.

Marriage Is a Lifelong Commitment

Read pages 168-174.

1. The Church *Code of Canon Law* describes the effects of marriage as:
 - a. From a valid marriage arises a _____ between the spouses that by its very nature is _____ and exclusive
 - b. Furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are _____ and consecrated for their duties and dignity of their state by a special sacrament.
2. What does it mean to say that the Christian marriage bond is perpetual?
3. True/False? Roughly 40-43% of Catholics who have been married have been divorced.
4. What does fidelity refer to in marriage?
5. To remain emotionally charged, a couple must make a commitment to do things like:
 - a. Make each other feel _____
 - b. Listen to each other's _____
 - c. Do things to make the other _____
 - d. Appreciate the other's _____
 - e. Appreciate their shared past and look forward to the _____
6. What are external factors that affect married life?

7. True/False? In marriage, the man and woman grow continually in their life together through their daily fidelity to one another and through their mutual self-giving.

Challenges to Marriage in American Culture

Read pages 175-181.

1. What is a right crucial to the success of marriage?
2. True/False? Equality in marriage is a God-given right.
3. What is one of the direct effects of pluralism?
4. Even more serious is the acceptance of individualism in many areas, especially in the area of permissive _____.
5. Moral relativism is the philosophy that dictates choices based on what?
6. True/False? Individualism can mean putting off career for marriage.
7. What are the anti-life practices that the pervasive degrading of the meaning of sex has continued to lead to the acceptance of?
8. True/False? The Church prohibits any artificial means that prevents conception.
9. What does direct abortion refer to?
10. Psychological problems that typically occur in women who have had a direct abortion include symptoms like _____, a sense of loss, bad dreams and _____.
11. What does anyone who has an abortion or cooperates in one incur?
12. Direct sterilization refers to procedures taken by either the man or woman to _____ the normal functioning of healthy _____ organs in order to prevent the future _____ of children.
13. What did Pope Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae* warn would happen if artificial birth control became widely practiced?
14. True/False? One of the greatest offenses against the dignity of marriage is dissolution of marriage itself through divorce.
15. Adultery is an injustice on several levels:
 - a. It is a failure to keep the _____ of the marriage vows.

- b. It injures the marriage _____.
- c. It violates the rights of the other _____
- d. It undermines the _____ of marriage
- e. It compromises the life of the couple's _____ who need the stable _____ of their parents.

16. What is polygamy?

17. True/False? Incest refers to sexual relations between two married people.

18. Free union is when a man or woman live together without being _____.

- a. They may _____ marriage or be unable to make a _____

19. What is gay marriage?

The Question of Divorce and Remarriage

Read pages 182-187.

1. True/False? The Catholic Church upholds the teaching of Moses that marriage is indissoluble.
2. What are the three reasons that divorce is a serious offense against God, the Church, and one's spouse?
3. The gravity of divorce is made more serious when a person enters a new _____ outside of the _____.

 - a. The remarried spouse is then in a situation of public and permanent _____.
 - b. This teaching has been consistently held from the time of the _____

4. True/False? In some cases the Church deems it permissible for a civil divorce to take place.
5. For what reasons does the Church allow for a husband and wife to separate?
6. True/False? A civil divorce ends a sacramental marriage.
7. True/False? Divorced Catholics who have not remarried remain in good standing with the Church and can receive the sacraments.
8. What does it mean to say that those who remarry solely on the basis of a civil divorce put themselves out of communion with the Church?

9. What is the proper intention required at the time of matrimonial consent for a valid marriage?
10. What is an annulment?
11. Some common grounds for nullity are:
- Insufficient use of _____
 - Error about the _____ of the person.
 - Future _____
 - Force
 - Misunderstanding of marital sacramental _____
12. True/False? If a valid marriage was made on the day of the wedding, then that marriage is an indissoluble bond, regardless of what happened late in the marriage.
13. A marriage _____ is a staff of diocesan representatives of the _____ who have received special _____ and instruction to represent the Church in proceedings for _____ cases.
14. What is the “Pauline Privilege”?
15. The “_____ Privilege” occurs when one spouse is baptized Christian and the other is unbaptized and the unbaptized person refuses to live with his or her spouse after the spouse has converted to the Catholic Church.
16. True/False? The Church abandons people who are divorced, especially those who are divorced and remarried.
17. In *Familiaris Consortio* Pope John Paul II encourages those who are divorced and remarried to:
- Listen to the _____ of God
 - Attend _____-
 - Continue to _____
 - Contribute to works of _____ and community efforts in favor of _____
 - Bring up their _____ in the Christian faith
 - Cultivate the spirit and practice of _____ as a way to seek God’s grace.
18. Of particular care and concern are the children born to the new marriages. What does the Church hope that parents will seek of their children?

19. True/False? Divorced persons who have remarried without receiving the decree of nullity are able to receive communion.

Sacramental Grace in Marriage

Read pages 188-191.

1. Sacraments give the grace they signify. What does the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony perfect and strengthen?
2. In marriage, the husband and wife become a _____ of God and the source of God's _____ for each other.
3. True/False? Jesus Christ is constantly present with a husband and wife in marriage.
4. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches:
 - a. Christ dwells with them, gives them the _____ to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to _____ one another, to bear one another's _____ to be subject to one another, and to love one another with _____, tender, and fruitful love.
5. How do husbands and wives cooperate with and perfect the gift of sanctifying grace?
6. Matrimony is a sacrament at the service of communion; the _____ of the husband to the wife and the wife to the husband helps to bring about their own _____ and that of their children in _____.
7. True/False? It is in the couple's joys of their love for one another and their family that Christ gives them a foretaste of Heaven.
8. What is the fruit of married life?