***Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments*** Chapter 9 Directed Reading Worksheet *The Sacrament of Matrimony*

**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: *Helping Each Other Grow in Love*** *(pages 289–291)*

1. What are two reasons God established marriage?

2. Men and women were created as , to be one. From the beginning, God has

his love with men and women in part by giving them a way of sharing an intimate of life and love with each other. While

ruptured this original communion,

gives them the grace they need to overcome

between the sexes so that they may be one again.

3. True or False? The husband and wife glimpse the unity and love of the Blessed Trinity when they embrace the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

4. Explain the new dimension the Sacrament of Matrimony adds to natural marriage.

5. Matrimony intensifies . The bride’s gown symbolizes this consecration and also recalls the white robe of as well as the white dress many girls wear for First . God calls the bride and groom to in Christ’s mission as , prophet, and king. They exercise their by offering the daily sacrifices needed to love one another and to raise a family.

6. True or False? Sacred Scripture begins and ends with a wedding theme.

7. True or False? Marriage mirrors Christ’s love for the Church and foreshadows the intimate communion and tremendous joy all people desire, the joy that awaits them in the Sacrament of Marriage.

**Section 1: *Understanding the Sacrament of Matrimony*** *(pages 292–296)*

8. The to marriage is written in the very of man and woman. It has existed in human from the beginning of creation. God’s longed for a vision of loving,

marriage, which God intended and which they learned from the . The prophets prepared them for a

understanding of the unity and

of marriage.

9. True or False? The Sacrament of Matrimony recalls, and signifies, God’s eternal contract with humanity, and unlike a contract, a covenant lasts forever.

10. True or False? Marriage in Old Covenant times was primarily a private contract initiated between two male heads of families, much like the buying and selling of property.

11. Explain why polygamy was practiced among by both the Israelites and the neighboring peoples.

12. The forbade adultery because it gravely offends the

of marriage, and the teachings of the

gradually led toward exclusive and married love. The prophet

compared God to a bridegroom while the

repeatedly turned away from their with God to pursue false gods. However, God remained , faithful, and loving.

13. True or False? A sacramental marriage is indissoluble like the covenant between God and Israel.

14. Christ clearly taught that marriage is . In doing so, he not only restored marriage to its before the Fall, but raised it to a among the baptized. Jesus comes into the life of the

in the Sacrament of Matrimony to help them keep this

difficult . The couple receives the of the sacrament throughout their marriage.

15. True or False? From the beginning, the essential rite of the sacrament was the couple’s exchange

of rings.

16. True or False? The bride and groom are the ministers of the sacrament, rather than the presiding priest.

18. True or False? Because Protestant reformers believed that marriage was only a civil reality, and not a sacrament, they accepted the practice of divorce.

19. Explain the difference between a divorce and a declaration of nullity.

20. Why does the Church oppose cohabitation? Why7 does the Church oppose so-called “same-sex

marriage?”

21. What did the Second Vatican Council state about marriage?

**Section 2: *Celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony*** *(pages 297–300)*

22. There are rites of marriage in the Church, two of which celebrate the

of Matrimony. This includes the Rite for Celebrating Marriage during and the Rite for Celebrating Marriage Mass. The Rite for Celebrating Marriage between a Catholic and an Person is a nonsacramental marriage. All three highlight the couple’s

and exchange of .

23. True or False? In order to receive a dispensation for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic, both spouses-to-be must show that they understand, and agree, to what the Church teaches about the purposes and dignity of marriage, and the Catholic spouse must promise that any children born to the couple will be baptized and educated as Catholics.

24. What does the Rite of Marriage consist of?

25. The priest or who assists at the wedding receives the

of the spouses in the of the Church. During the ceremony the bride and groom must express their consent to marry. Also, each should

intend to be faithful to the other person and open to

from their union. The priest and two other

visibly express that the marriage is recognized by the

.

26. What doe the rings symbolize to the couple?

27. True or False? During the Mass, the couple expresses their desire to form “one body” in Christ

by holding hands when receiving Holy Communion.

**Section 3: *The Graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony*** *(pages 302–311)*

28. People often associate the sacrament only with the itself. But the sacrament’s graces and follow the couple throughout their marriage, helping them grow in love and in their daily life together. Correspondingly, loving and relationships between spouses signify the faithful love between and his Church, making every sacramental marriage a sign of faithfulness.

29. Give examples of how sacramental marriage is essentially about communion.

30. True or False? Christian spouses acknowledge the need for God’s continual presence in their marriage, helping them to give support, forgiveness, and acceptance, whatever their feelings may be.

31. True or False? A healthy sexual relationship in marriage is fruitful and inclusive, supports communion and communication, and involves honor and respect between spouses.

32. True or False? In a sacramental marriage the couple embrace the fertility of their sexual union and recognize their call to become partners with each other in creating new life.

33. How does NFP work? What is it *not*?

34. What are the purposes of sex in marriage? How does sex sustain the couple?

35. Marriage is a way of to sin and rising to holiness and a way to

. Communion with Christ’s

empowers spouses to make loving

for one another and enables them to one another for mistakes, failings, and sins. Christian spouses encounter in one another and can love one another as they know Christ loves .

36. What matrimonial analogy is found in both Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

37. Christian spouses affirm in the world today by becoming parents and

their children. They find Christ in their , and they act as in faith, helping their children grow into the

of Christ. The ongoing of Matrimony help all family members as Christ to one another, becoming an

community of faith, , and love.

38. True or False? The “domestic church” refers to local parish to which a Catholic family belongs.

39. What are two ways Christian families can join in the Church’s mission?

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41. True or False? Only by being rooted in Christ can Christian families transform their love for one another into a love that also serves the Church and society because balancing family life with service of others is so challenging.

42. True or False? Sacramental marriage is either a sign of Christ’s love present to us now, or a reminder of the glorious future that awaits us.