

*Your Christian Vocation***Chapter 5**

adultery Marital infidelity, or sexual relations between a married person and someone other than his or her spouse. Adultery is a sin against the Sixth Commandment (see CCC, Glossary).

annulment A declaration by the Church that a sacramental marriage was invalid, that it never existed validly from the beginning; also called a declaration of nullity.

civil divorce The dissolution of a marriage contract by the legal system. It does not free a person from a valid marriage.

cohabitation The occasion of an unmarried man and unmarried woman living together in the same home and having a sexual relationship.

common law marriage The occasion of a man and woman living together for a prolonged time and holding themselves to be married, but having not been formally married in the church or through the legal system.

concupiscence The tendency or inclination toward sin every person experiences as a result of Original Sin.

de facto union The occasion of an unmarried couple living together, usually for an extended amount of time.

individualism The philosophy that places the private interests of each person above the common good of society. It is often practiced by sacrificing social values and norms to the personal desires of individuals.

unilateral divorce A divorce in which one spouse contracts the divorce without the consent of the other spouse.

