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Your Christian Vocation

Chapter 4 Directed Reading Worksheet

The Christian Family in God's Plan

Date _____

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: *Marriage Leads to Family* (pages 143–145)

1. True or False? While modern society promotes community and connectedness, the Church in her wisdom calls you to authentic individualism, reminding you that you are made to live with and for others, not just yourself.
2. True or False? Jesus lived in communion with others and through his life we can see that family is the most basic and essential form of community life.
3. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a Sacrament at the Service of _____, a service that confers _____ on each spouse as well as their _____. The family has its own fundamental origin in _____ and is based on the total self-gift of marriage. God made man and woman to be together and _____ each other and he desired and brought about the _____ too.
4. The Blessed _____ is the best model for families because it is a relationship of total _____. God calls humans into a deeper _____ with himself by sharing in the act of _____ and the natural fruit of married love is a new life. The child is a _____ of the love between _____.
5. What are three ways that the Christian family images the relationship between the Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity?

Section 1: *The Nature of the Family: A Community of Life and Love* (pages 147–151)

6. True or False? The fundamental building block of the human family is the individual family, for that “as the family goes, so goes the nation.”
7. _____ is responsible for supporting and strengthening _____ life so that individual families can fulfill their own needs. _____ who are not raised in a stable family are more likely to show lasting _____ issues. When individual families cannot fulfill their _____, it is up to other _____ to help meet those needs.
8. List the “charter of family rights” emphasized by Pope John Paul II in *Familiaris Consortio*.
9. What is a “Christian perspective on the larger human family?”

10. True or False? The primary mode of understanding the family is through marriage, biological parenthood, and the civic bonds formed from those relationships.
11. True or False? The family is the place where all people learn to interact with others and a secure family environment is essential for people to develop and grow in mind, body, and soul.

Section 2: *The Gift of Children* (pages 152–158)

12. True or False? Married love is about more than an emotional or physical connection, it is the beginning of a couple's bringing about the fruit of the union, that is, personal growth.
13. Explain Pope Paul VI's teaching on the meaning of sexual love and procreation.
14. True or False? Considerations about having children and starting a family are things to consider as soon as a couple marries.
15. True or False? The Church's teaching that a couple be "open to life" means that couples must have as many children as possible.
16. What are just reasons that married couples may plan and space the births of their children?
17. True or False? Responsible parenthood means a willingness to accept a child if a pregnancy unexpectedly occurs.
18. True or False? Responsible parenthood means thinking of children as blessings and putting the raising of children ahead of career advancement, material possessions, or convenience.
19. True or False? It is morally unacceptable for couples to regulate birth even in a way that still respects both the unity created in marital intercourse and the possibility of procreation.
20. List the many benefits of Natural Family Planning.

21. What are the benefits for couples who share in the decisions of procreation based on the woman's natural fertility cycle?
22. The _____ has always taught that any act that _____ denies procreation is intrinsically evil. The purposeful _____ of the procreative dimension of sexual love, such as the use of _____ and direct sterilization, are a disregard for human _____. In contrast, NFP _____ the purpose of sexual love and the _____ of the bodies of the husband and wife.
23. True or False? Direct abortion is the most serious form of rejecting human dignity and the purpose of married love and anyone who has a direct abortion, counsels or coerces someone to have one, or participates in the practice of abortion places himself or herself in mortal sin.
24. What are some physical and psychological dangers for the mothers who seek an abortion?
25. True or False? The work of the Church is to show care and concern for women who have had abortions and to help them be healed, while at the same time working to defend innocent life from conception to natural death.
26. The Church has great _____ for couples dealing with infertility and encourages _____ research into its causes. There are a number of _____ means of assisting couples who _____ to achieve pregnancy. She supports helping married couples to _____ children through methods that respect the _____ and procreative methods of _____ love.
27. What are morally illicit methods to treat infertility and what is immoral about them?

Section 3: Responsibilities in the Family (pages 160–163)

28. The _____ of family life comes with particular _____ for each member of a family. Parents and their children strive together for _____ through the grace of Matrimony. One important _____ of parents is to educate their children and they, above anyone else, are charged with this task. Such education includes both moral and _____ formation as well.
29. What are some ways parents can create a loving home?

30. _____ provides the necessary structure to teach children how to live _____ and to accept personal _____. It helps the family to _____ better and establishes a connection between good and bad _____ and their consequences. Parents lead by must lead by their own _____ to help the children develop, mature, and be able to _____ between virtue and vice as they get older.

31. What are important ways for parents evangelize their children?

32. True or False? Children are called to honor and respect their parents by the Third Commandment even though they are not flawless.

33. True or False? Children should show obedience to parents as long as they live at home and have a duty to give them material and moral support in old age.

Section 4: *The Family as the Domestic Church* (pages 165–168)

34. The importance of _____ was evident from the beginning of _____. Jesus was born and _____ in a human family and the Acts and St. Paul's letter to the Romans reveal that the _____ was celebrated in family _____. The Church teaches that the family is the _____ church and the first school of the Christian life.

35. True or False? The godparents of children have the primary responsibility to provide an environment where God's loving presence is easily experienced and faith in Jesus Christ is proudly professed.

36. What are three benefits of Catholic schools according to the U.S.C.C.B.?

37. List four specific ways parents can encourage religious vocations.