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## **Marriage and Holy Orders**

Directed Reading Guide

Unit 2 Called to Holiness through Marriage  
Chapter 4: The Sacrament of Matrimony

**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.

### **Caught Up into Divine Love**

*Read pages 106-107.*

1. How does author Donald DeMarco define fidelity?
2. What was marriage raised to when Christ established the New Covenant?

### **Tracing the Development of the Sacrament of Matrimony**

*Read pages 108-109.*

1. True/False? Marriage is an institution established by God from the time of creation.
2. Jesus blessed the relationship between a husband and wife and restored the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage, which God \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning.
3. What was Christian marriage modeled on?
4. Saint John Chrysostom in *On Marriage and Family Life* shared three main ideas on marriage.
  - a. He taught that marriage is not an obstacle to \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God established marriage for the \_\_\_\_\_ of children.
  - c. Marriage was a means of salvation for the couple, as it had the capacity to replace \_\_\_\_\_ and promiscuity with \_\_\_\_\_ to the spouse and to family life.
5. What does the Latin-derived word Nuptial mean?
6. True/False? Marriage is a sacrament lasting until the death of a spouse.
7. What does a couple enter into through their mutual consent?

### **Preparing for Marriage**

*Read pages 110-123.*

1. True/False? Healthy sexual relations in marriage are expressions of mutual love and selfish pleasure.
2. What are the first two predictors of a successful marriage that have to do explicitly with family life?
3. What benefits are there in a traditional dating process?
4. Questions a person who is getting serious about a dating partner should ask himself or herself:
  - a. How does my partner \_\_\_\_\_ me?
  - b. How does my partner treat \_\_\_\_\_?
  - c. Is this person someone I will be \_\_\_\_\_ to marry in front of my family and friends?
  - d. Is this person someone with whom I want to have and raise \_\_\_\_\_?
5. True/False? The word fiancée means “to love”.
6. The word engage means “to \_\_\_\_\_ or bring \_\_\_\_\_”.
7. What is the engagement period intended to do?
8. True/False? Engagement is a special time for prayer and further spiritual preparation for the Sacrament of marriage.
9. What is one of the first things a couple seeking a Catholic wedding will do?
10. Basic requirements to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony.
  - a. Couple must be of \_\_\_\_\_ age.
  - b. Unmarried
  - c. Not closely related by \_\_\_\_\_ or marriage
  - d. Willing to have \_\_\_\_\_ if they are of child-bearing age
  - e. Freely giving \_\_\_\_\_ to marry.
11. What is the most important element that determines the validity of the marriage?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ are obstacles to a valid and licit celebration of a sacrament.
13. What must a couple understand for a valid Catholic marriage to take place?
14. Other major impediments to a valid Catholic marriage:

- a. Man under age \_\_\_\_\_ years and a woman under \_\_\_\_\_ - years cannot validly enter marriage
  - b. If either the man or woman is physically incapable of \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. A person who is legally \_\_\_\_\_ to another
  - d. A \_\_\_\_\_ may not be validly married; neither may a publicly \_\_\_\_\_ who has taken lifetime vows of chastity.
  - e. A person may not marry \_\_\_\_\_ or ancestors in a direct life.
  - f. Relationships by marriage or \_\_\_\_\_ are not valid.
15. True/False? When one of the partners is not Catholic, permission for the marriage must come from the parish priest.
  16. When a Catholic marries a non-baptized person, the wedding may not take place during a \_\_\_\_\_.
  17. What are the necessary conditions for a mixed marriage?
  18. What does a “pre-marriage inventory” help a couple gauge?
  19. What does NFP stand for?
  20. True/False? The original intention of marriage banns was to allow anyone who knew of a reason why the couple should not be married to make the reason known to them and the Church.
  21. What is the most important part of the wedding?

### **The Celebration of Marriage**

*Read pages 124-129.*

1. What does it mean to say that for Catholics, marriage is a sacred covenant?
2. True/False? A civil law marriage is an agreement that is initiated by God.
3. What is the marriage covenant modeled on?
4. In the celebration of marriage, certain elements of the wedding Mass are emphasized, especially:
  - a. The Liturgy of the \_\_\_\_\_, which shows the importance of Christian marriage in the history of \_\_\_\_\_

- b. The consent of the \_\_\_\_\_ to marry, which the \_\_\_\_\_ gives to each other
  - c. The special nuptial \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. The reception of \_\_\_\_\_ by the groom and bride, and by all present.
5. The Liturgy of the Word reminds a man and woman being married that Jesus is with them throughout their marriage.
- a. Through the intercession of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus will bless their marriage and bring \_\_\_\_\_ to their family.
  - b. When problems and difficulties arise in the marriage, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Finally, the longevity and model of the couple's marriage will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to all who come in contact with them.
6. True/False? The essential rite of the Sacrament of Matrimony is when the couple literally gives themselves to each other by consenting to enter marriage.
7. The mutual \_\_\_\_\_ of the couple brings the marriage into being. Their sharing sexual intercourse after marriage \_\_\_\_\_ their union and makes the marriage \_\_\_\_\_.
8. For the words of consent to be valid, they must be given freely. What does this mean?
9. True/False? The priest is the minister of all the Sacraments, including the Sacrament of Matrimony.
10. The consent of the couple is usually expressed through a series of questions by the priest by asking them to state their desires.
- a. He begins by asking them about their \_\_\_\_\_ to make the choice to be married, their \_\_\_\_\_ to each other, and their willingness to accept and raise \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Why does a wedding ordinarily take place in a church?
12. Reasons a Catholic marriage must follow Church form include:
- a. The marriage leads the couple to certain \_\_\_\_\_ and responsibilities within the Church.
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ and official nature of the Couple's consent "protects the 'I do' once given and helps the spouses remain \_\_\_\_\_ to it".
  - c. The consent requires the certification of \_\_\_\_\_.

13. What is the circular wedding ring a sign of?
14. What are the high-risk categories the Church takes special care to take care of?
15. What is the nuptial or wedding blessing intended to bring the couple?
16. True/False? The Holy Eucharist communicates and nourishes the love of the couple and is to be the center of their entire married life.

### **The Effects of the Sacrament of Matrimony**

*Read pages 129-132.*

1. Marriage and family life becomes the place and \_\_\_\_\_ where the husband and wife grow together to \_\_\_\_\_ and holiness.
2. What is the key trait of the marriage covenant?
3. There are two main effects of the sacrament:
  - a. The couple is united in a \_\_\_\_\_ bond.
  - b. The husband and wife are promised a lifetime of God's \_\_\_\_\_ by which their love is perfected and their unity \_\_\_\_\_
4. True/False? Through the witness of their married life, the couple brings the presence of Christ to the world.
5. What are the ways the graces of married life that spring from the Sacrament can be witnessed?
6. True/False? In today's secular society, a married couple's authentic love and their commitment to the permanence of their marriage is a bold example to the world.