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## **Marriage and Holy Orders**

Directed Reading Guide

Unit 2 Called to Holiness through Marriage  
Chapter 5: The Christian Family

**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.

### **Her Story. His Story.**

*Read pages 138-141.*

1. What is the title given to the 129 talks Pope John Paul II gave on the meaning of human sexuality, marital love, and erotic desires?
2. What is a constant theme that arises in these talks?
3. True/False? The unity of a husband and wife in marriage is a way to help understand the communion of love between the three persons of the Trinity.

### **Adjusting to Married Life**

*Read pages 141-146.*

1. What was the point of the message on the billboard that read, "Loved the wedding- invite Me to the marriage."
2. True/False? The Father and Son, beholding the goodness in each other, respond with love. Their love is another Person, the Holy Spirit.
3. Through their unconditional and \_\_\_\_\_ love for one another, a husband and wife reproduce in their \_\_\_\_\_ the very image of \_\_\_\_\_ so as to create a unity of the \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, their Savior.
4. True/False. The relationship between a married couple is modeled on the love of the Church for Christ.
5. What are the major issues that bring difficulty in the first few years of married life?
6. Some ways to handle the challenges in the first years of marriage include the following:
  - a. Keeping an open mind to \_\_\_\_\_ in personalities
  - b. Keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ of communication open
  - c. Loving one another
  - d. Praying both \_\_\_\_\_ and individually

7. True/False? Healthy love for self is necessary to appreciate the differences and uniqueness of a spouse.
8. What do couples who communicate well share?
9. As a married couple forms its new family, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ must be central.
  - a. Couples who attend \_\_\_\_\_ together, participate regularly in the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_, and attend retreats and workshops foster a grounding in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_ that will also be essential as they become \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What are household traditions that can strengthen the current relationship of the couple as well as build new and lasting family traditions?
11. True/False? For a marriage to work, each spouse will have to give up something of his or her previous self.
12. How do the two purposes of sex in marriage help achieve the twofold end of the marriage?
13. What are other ways than sexual intercourse that their love is evident in?

### **The Gift of a Child**

*Read pages 147-150.*

1. True/False? Most of popular culture and society today associate sex only with pleasure and with the avoiding of pregnancy and birth.
2. What question about children are Catholic couples asked when they marry?
3. What is the “supreme gift of marriage”?
4. True/False? Catholic couples are to have as many children as possible.
5. Just reasons to plan and space children may include issues like the parents’ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ health, the inability of one or both parents to care for a child, the needs of other \_\_\_\_\_, or, in some cases, the lack of \_\_\_\_\_ and resources to care for a child \_\_\_\_\_.
6. True/False? Responsible parenting means putting the raising of children before things like convenience, career advancement, or material possessions.

7. When is the regulation of procreation only morally acceptable?
8. The husband and wife become \_\_\_\_\_ of their fertility, while participating with God in the \_\_\_\_\_ that can result in the birth of a new person, in God's image, who is \_\_\_\_\_ to live with God for all of eternity.
9. What is the virtue of conjugal chastity?
10. True/False? Couples usually have only about a week of continence in every fertile cycle.
11. What are the benefits of couples who share indecisions of procreation based on the woman's natural fertility cycle?
12. Why is surrogate motherhood wrong?
13. Why are techniques that involve only the married couple still morally unacceptable?
14. One option for couples who face challenges involving physical sterility is to devote themselves to the demanding tasks of service to those in \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. They can also offer support to other children in the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as other children in the community who have \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - b. Another option is for a married couple to \_\_\_\_\_ children and raise them as their own.
15. True/False? In all cases, married couples who suffer from infertility should unite themselves with the cross of Jesus Christ.

### **The Family in God's Plan**

*Read pages 151-155.*

1. The love shared between a husband and a wife begets \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The Christian family is a communion of persons, imaging the relationship between the persons of the Holy Trinity. Give two examples.
3. True/False? The competing message of society is that men and women have children for reasons like "having something to love".

4. Christian marriage and the Christian family are the means for building up the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who do children learn to honor and love God from?
6. True/False? It is the responsibility of the parents to educate their children both morally and spiritually.
7. What is one of the most essential ways parents work to create a loving atmosphere at home?
8. Discipline equates with the structure necessary to teach children how to live together in \_\_\_\_\_ with others and to accept personal \_\_\_\_\_ that help to make the family function better.
9. What do parents have the responsibility and privilege of sharing and facilitating?
10. True/False? Children are to obey their parents in only those things that concern the family's physical well being.
11. From what does the respect of children for their parents derive?
12. Why is mutual respect required among children for their brothers and sisters?
13. True/False? Obedience to parents extends for as long as a child is alive.
14. True/False? It is the responsibility of society to defend family life.
15. Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation \_\_\_\_\_ addressed the ideal of mutual support between family and \_\_\_\_\_ by recounting a "charter of family \_\_\_\_\_"
16. Rights emphasized in the apostolic exhortation include:
  - a. Establish a \_\_\_\_\_, have children, and bring them up in keeping with the family's own moral and religious \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Protecting of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the marriage bond and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the family.
  - c. Profess one's \_\_\_\_\_, to hand it on, and raise one's children in it, with the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ and institutions.
  - d. Private \_\_\_\_\_, to free enterprise, to obtain work and \_\_\_\_\_, and to be able to emigrate.
  - e. In keeping with the country's institutions, \_\_\_\_\_ care, assistance for the aged and family \_\_\_\_\_

- f. Protection against threats to \_\_\_\_\_ and health, especially with respect to dangers like drugs, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and the like.
- g. Form associations with other families and so to have representation before \_\_\_\_\_ authorities.

### **The Family Is the Domestic Church**

*Read pages 157-161.*

1. True/False? The Church is present in the family.
2. From the earliest days of the Church the \_\_\_\_\_ was celebrated in family \_\_\_\_\_ and presbyters and other ministers received their \_\_\_\_\_ from family life.
3. The domestic church was never better represented than in \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Family. Jesus observed the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment in his obedience to Joseph and Mary while also obeying the will of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father.
  - a. It was in the Holy Family, this special domestic Church, that Jesus shared the same type of life as a majority of \_\_\_\_\_ do.
4. True/False? It is the parents' responsibility to be the first and prime educators of the faith.
5. What responsibility do parents have to teach their children at an early age?
6. What are some things parents and families can do to encourage religious vocations?
7. True/False? Children do not contribute to the growth in holiness of their parents.
8. As children grow, parents have the responsibility to choose a \_\_\_\_\_ for their children that corresponds to their \_\_\_\_\_ convictions.