

PARISH-BASED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

HAND-OUT FOR PARENT SESSION F:

The Sacrament of Marriage



OPENING PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FIVE KEY POINTS

- Marriage is a part of God's plan of creation. It is a sign of God's love. "God did not create man a solitary being. From the beginning, "male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). (CCC#383)
- In marriage, a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love. Marriage is for the good of the couple, as well as the generation and education of children. (CCC#1660)
- Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament.
- Recognizing the real struggles of marriage, the sacrament of Matrimony helps spouses to love each other more perfectly, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and helps them on the way to eternal life. (CCC#1661)
- The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called "the domestic church"... (CCC#1666)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is an example of how marriage could be a sign of God's love?
- Why do you think Jesus raised marriage to a sacrament?
- How are marriage and family connected to the good of society and of each human person?
- How do we teach our children about the true values of marriage and family?
- How can our families be "domestic churches?"

Homework

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CHOSEN, student workbook:

Hmwk: Lesson 17 – Who’s calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)

- Mass Journal Part 2 & Service Project Part 2

NEXT CLASS:

Parents Invited to Attend Student Session 10 DATE & TIME _____

- Collect Apostolic Service Project 2 & Mass Journal 2

HOME ACTIVITY

TODAY IN CLASS: Student Session 9: Lesson 16: What does it mean to say “I do”? (Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love) For Reference: Lesson 22: Why wait? (God’s Plan for Love and Sex)

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Why is the Sacrament of Matrimony a sacrament and not just a contract on a piece of paper?

What are some things to think about before you go on a date with someone?

What are some important ways to prepare yourself for marriage?

INVITATION TO PERSONAL PRAYER

Adoration: Think about God who has a particular plan for each of our families.

Contrition: Ask forgiveness for not loving and caring the members of our families as we should

Thanksgiving: Thank God for the gift of our family.

Supplication: Ask God to help our family. Think of specific needs or specific people.



CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
who has given us new life through water and the Holy Spirit,
send forth from heaven and shower upon us
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and
fear of the Lord.

Amen.



EXIT CARD

Your feedback is important so that sessions are meaningful and responsive. Exit cards are reviewed after each session and taken into consideration when planning the next session.

In what ways did this session help you in your faith and your role as a parent supporting your child's faith journey?

For next time, what would you like to see included in the session to address your questions of faith and help you in your child's faith journey preparing to receive the Sacraments?

Are there other things we need to know to assist you, your child and family?