



PARENT SESSION for Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

The Sacrament of Marriage

Session F

OPENING PRAYER: Come Holy Spirit



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.

Aims for the Parent Sessions

- To assist the children in their spiritual growth;
- To encourage faith discussions at home; and
- To encourage adults within the faith community to engage in discussions about their faith.

Welcome



Tell us about someone who you admire for their example of faithfulness and dedication in their marriage.

Six Parent Sessions*



Session A- Salvation History

Session B- Jesus Christ

Session C - The Sacrament of Confession

Session D - The Sacrament of Confirmation

Session E - The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Session F - The Sacrament of Marriage

*Matching the topics covered by students in CHOSEN.

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). (#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. (#1660)
- Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament.

Five Key Points



- 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)

FILM CLIP ABOUT Marriage



- WATCH
- SYMBOLON Part 2: Episode 5: Matrimony & Holy Orders Part 1

REVIEW OF 5 KEY POINTS

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FAITH WITNESS



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?”

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.*

HOMEWORK

NEXT CLASS:

Parents Invited to Attend Student Session 10

- Collect Apostolic Service Project & Mass Journal
- Confirmation Retreat - Date & Time

HOMEWORK

CHOSEN, student workbook:

Hmwk: Lesson 17 - Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)

- Saint Project & Letter to Bishop
- Mass Journal Part 2 & Service Project Part 2

Parent Discussion

- How do you plan to approach the home activities with your child? Are you clear on the homework which will be reviewed at the child's next session of sacramental preparation?
- Which home activity topics do you anticipate will be easily understood by your child?
- Which home activity topics do you think may pose a challenge for your child? How will you talk about these topics with your child?

EXIT CARD



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

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.