



Sacraments– Matrimony & Holy Orders

Matrimony/Marriage CCC 1602-1666

Holy Orders CCC 1536-1600



Opening Prayer and Grace

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

What is Matrimony?

- The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of a whole life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses, and the procreation & education of offspring;
- This Covenant between baptized persons has been raised by the Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament (CCC 1601)

MARRIAGE IN GODS PLAN

- Scripture begins with the creation of man & women In Gods image and likeness and ends with the vision of the “wedding Feast of the Lamb. (CCC 1602)
- Man and women were made for each other (Gen 2:18)
- God himself is the author of marriage. It is written in the very nature of man & woman

Marriage revealed by Jesus in Scripture

- “A man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.”
What God has joined together, let no man put asunder. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.” Mt 19:6





Marriage as a Sacrament

- Christ takes Marriage to a higher level
- Christ offers himself, His very life, for us
- We are called to imitate Christ



Marriage

- Marriage is a covenant bond between the man & women, they vow before the community, “till death do us part” (CCC 1662)
- As a Catholic, The wedding is celebrated as part of the Mass, and witnessed by a priest or Deacon. CCC 1663
- Must be Open to Children, Raise the Children in the Christian faith (CCC 1655)

The Point

- **The Lord Himself instituted the Sacrament for marriage in the New Covenant**
- **Marriage and the family is called the “Domestic Church”**



TAKEAWAYS



Final note on Marriage

- Marriage preparation is required in most Diocese
- An irregular marriage can be rectified very easily in a Con-validation of marriage vows
- Always seek advice from a priest if you have questions

