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Being Catholic in the 21st Century

Summer Series

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Marriage and Family: Living Them Today



Sept 12, 1944 ... 75 years ago

Marriage is a Sacrament ...

... Families Need Grace from God

The sacrament of Matrimony . . . perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life

[CCC #1661(cf. Council of Trent: DS 1799)]



Sept 22, 1979

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Grace that perfects the husband and wife

- Draws them closer to the image of Christ
- to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love
- to forgive and to bear one another's burdens,
- to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Eph 5:21)
- help one another to attain holiness in their married life
- Prepares them for the final consummation at the “wedding feast of the Lamb.”

Holy Marriages Transform the Church and Society

Married people become witnesses of the mystery of love which the Lord revealed to the world

Vatican II - *Gaudium Et Specs* (Church in the Modern World)

Living Marriage God's Way

God is the author of marriage

- Genesis (creation) to Revelation (wedding feast) [CCC 1602]
- Wedding at Cana [CCC 1613]

God's Intention for Marriage

- a covenant - a permanent commitment and relationship [Mat 19:3-9] [CCC #1643]
(Difference between "Sacramental Marriage" and "Civil Marriage")
- Chastity before marriage ... & NOT living together
- Openness to children in marital intimacy ... NO artificial birth control [CCC #1643]
- NO to invitro fertilization ... NO to gene manipulation [CCC #2376/77]
A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. [CCC #2378]

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Impurity - Mind and Body

- Flee all temptations in this area.
- Seek the sacrament of Penance to restore purity that has been lost and gain strength against the sin of lust
- “People most often get lost because of sexual sins.” [Cardinal Pujats, Rome Life Forum, May 17, 2019]

Abortion

- Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. [CCC #2270]
- Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. [CCC #2271]

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Same-sex unions

- Compassion for the person, a child of God, but object to the sin [CCC #2358]
- Homosexual persons are called to chastity [CCC #2359]
- Homosexual acts ... are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved [CCC #2357]
- Cardinal Pujats May 17, 2019 ... “this kind of cohabitation [same-sex unions] is an empty parody of marriage, in which partners seek sexual gratification in a perverse way. Secondly, the Bible tells us that for such behavior God punished the people of Sodom with fire. This means that we are talking about a grave sin.

Living a Catholic Marriage

Deacon Roger

- It is not about YOU and, it is not about who wins and who losses
(YOU do not have to be right and your spouse be wrong)
- Be humble, each will make mistakes – forgive, learn, and seek holiness
- Set faith routines with children early ... (also chore responsibilities)
- Every marriage will have good time and difficult times ,, times of joy and times of heartbreak ... times of peace and times of anguish
- No tolerance for abuse

Living a Catholic Marriage

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<https://dynamiccatholic.com/everyday-life/7-common-marriage-problems-and-how-to-handle-them/>