



THE  
SACRAMENT  
OF

*Marriage* ♥

# WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

- ♥ A Vocation
- ♥ A Sacrament
- ♥ A Covenant
- ♥ A Public Statement



# MARRIAGE IS A VOCATION



Marriage involves **a call from God** and **a response from two people** who enter into a covenant, with each other and with God, promising to build, *with help of divine grace*, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life.

# MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT



WHAT IS THE VISIBLE SIGN  
IN THE SACRAMENT OF  
MARRIAGE?

**THE COUPLE!**



# MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT

"SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT  
ONE FLESH. THEREFORE, WHAT GOD  
HAS JOINED TOGETHER, NO HUMAN  
BEING MUST SEPARATE"

—MATTHEW 19:6



# MARRIAGE IS A PUBLIC STATEMENT



In God's plan,  
man and  
woman are  
complementary.



# WHY A SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE?



For Catholics, marrying in the Catholic Church is **required** in order for the marriage to be sacramental.

# SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR MARRIAGE



“THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE BODY”

– GENESIS 1:24

"BUT AT THE BEGINNING OF CREATION GOD 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH.' SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE. THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET MAN NOT SEPARATE."

– MARK 10:6–9

# PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE



UNITIVE



PROCREATIVE

# MARRIED LOVE IS:

- FREE
- TOTAL
- FAITHFUL
- FRUITFUL



# WHAT IS NFP?

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A NATURAL, HORMONE-FREE METHOD OF BIRTH CONTROL AND FAMILY PLANNING THAT INVOLVES TRACKING A WOMAN'S MENSTRUAL CYCLE TO IDENTIFY FERTILE AND INFERTILE DAYS



# CHASTITY IN MARRIAGE?



The virtue of chastity therefore involves the integrity of the person and the integrality of the gift.” (CCC 2337)



# WHAT IS IVF?



# AND WHY IS IT WRONG?

WHAT IF I'M  
INFERTILE?

Restorative  
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# APPEAL TO CHRISTIAN SPOUSES:



- You are called to bear witness to Christ before the world.
- Grace and charity are given to you in Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Marriage. This will strengthen you.
- Make visible the holiness and joy of God's law.
- Implore God's help through prayer.
- Seek God's mercy through the Sacrament of Penance.



LOVING AND GRACIOUS FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE. WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THE UNION OF MARRIED COUPLES, STRENGTHENING THEIR BOND WITH EACH OTHER, GUIDING ALL THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES, AND FILLING THEIR HEARTS WITH COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING, LOVE, PATIENCE AND FORGIVENESS. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTAL GRACE THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, WE PRAY THAT GOD MAY ONE DAY GATHER THEM UNDER HIS BLESSING. WE ASK THESE THINGS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY AND JOSEPH, HER MOST CHASTE SPOUSE. AMEN