

# The Sacrament of Marriage



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# Sacrament Review



## Initiation

Baptism  
Holy Eucharist  
Confirmation

## Healing

Reconciliation  
(aka Confession)  
Anointing of the Sick

## Service

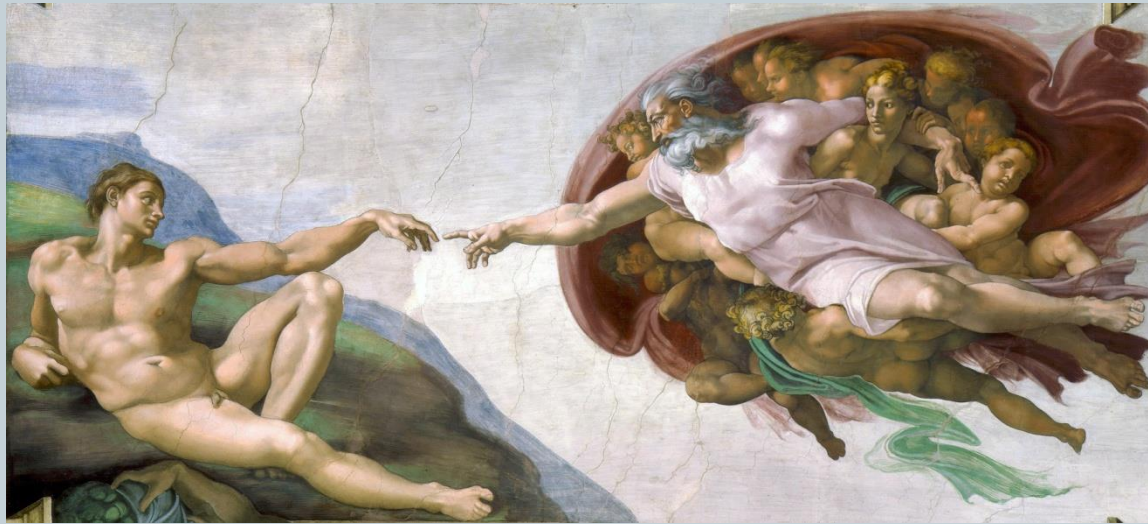
Holy Orders  
Marriage



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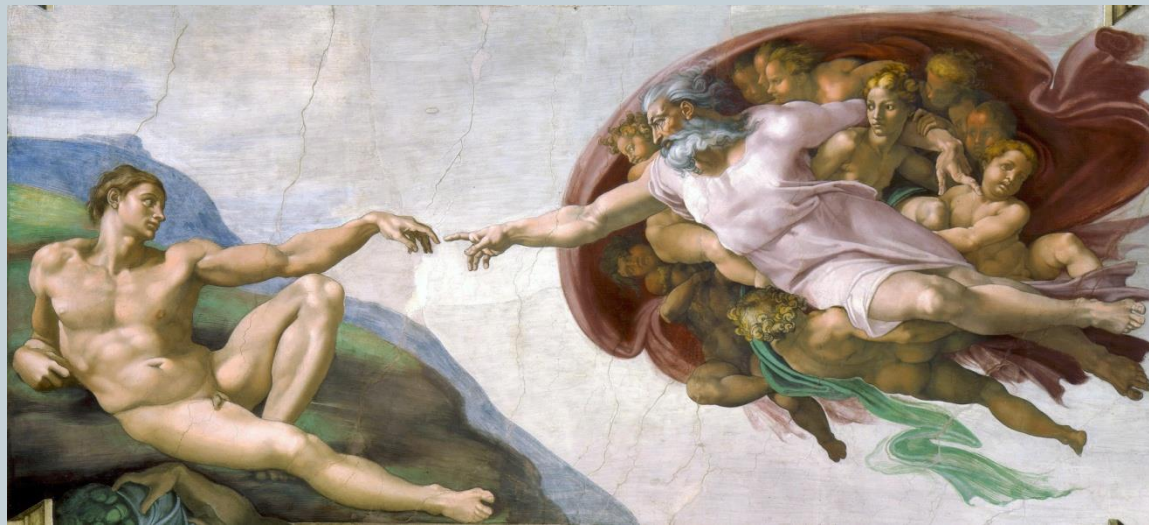


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# Christ's Teaching on Marriage



- Matthew 19:3-6; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; Ephesians 5:21-32

Eph 5:21-32 “Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So [also] husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

“For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.”

# Covenant and Liturgical Act



- Marriage is a covenant which is more than a contract. It is a relationship between persons.
- Every Sacrament has form and matter
  - Baptism
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- ✦ Matter – sex – the consummation

# The Celebration of Marriage



- Who is the minister of the Sacrament?
  - CCC 1623 “The spouses as ministers of Christ’s grace mutually confer upon each other the Sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their consent before the church.”



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  - And, why artificial contraception is always gravely immoral
    - ✦ Natural Family Planning (NFP)

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Marriage exists to produce families. At its core it is reproductive. It is the future that gives marriage meaning, not the present – the raising of children and self-sacrificing until death. -- Bill Keimig

# Divorce and Pastoral Care



- So many things threaten marriages.
  - All arise from sin, both original and actual.

When divorce is the only recourse, the church offers her support and encourages them to remain close to the Lord.

In the case of those you have civilly remarried, even though the church considers the second marriage invalid, she does not want these Catholics to be alienated from her.

# A Declaration of Nullity (Annulment)



- Annulment is a mercy.
- Every diocese has a marriage tribunal.
- “A declaration of nullity does not mean there was no civil, sexual, or emotional marital relationship, nor does it mean that the children of the union are illegitimate.” CCA

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- **The Domestic Church**
  - Its purpose is to save and sanctify souls
- **The School of Holiness**
  - The act of raising saints. How do I foster holiness in my children?
- **The ministry of parenting**
  - Have you ever thought of parenting as a ministry?



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- Sacred Scripture begins with creation and union of man and woman (Gen 2:18; 24) and ends with “the wedding feast of the Lamb” (Rev 19:7,9)
- Moses permitted divorce (Mt 19:8) Prophets insistence permanent and exclusive fidelity of marriage illustrates unending fidelity of God to his covenant with Israel. (Hos 3 and Ez 16:59-63)

# Mixed and Interfaith Marriages



- The term “mixed marriage” refers to a marriage between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic.
- A marriage between a Catholic and a non-baptized person is an interfaith marriage. It is not a sacramental marriage.