

THREE TO GET MARRIED

Marriage: “In the Beginning...”

“God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.” ~Catechism of the Catholic Church #1)

Overview:

We believe that God is the author of marriage. From the beginning of time he had a plan.

Things to Remember...

- ◆ Marriage is a COVENANT, not a CONTRACT.
- ◆ Family was always the intention and purpose of God’s creation of marriage.
- ◆ Marriage is a gift from God who puts this type of love into two hearts; He promises to be the One to bring you together in a deeper bond in the covenant of marriage. Through marriage you can discover the presence of God in a deeper way.
- ◆ The marriage itself, when done with good intentions, is always good. The problems come from external elements to that gift, yet these challenges are meant to strengthen the bond, not weaken it.
- ◆ Christ points back to the beginning, promising to re-create the condition of possibility for this particular human relationship so that it can flourish again. He elevates it to an “enduring” Sacrament, meaning that as long as both spouses are living and willing, God will be there to sustain their love.
- ◆ As husband and wife, you are called to be helpmates to each other toward achieving each other’s true and lasting good: you commit to making your spouse happy, exercise profound respect for your spouse, lead your spouse to God—not away from Him or solely to yourself, and in freedom you will grow together, looking for the true, lasting good of each other.
- ◆ Awareness and experience of God’s love enables us to give unconditional love to each other.