

Questionnaire: Marriage: In the Beginning

Please write out your own thoughts privately before sharing them with your future spouse.

1. *Do I truly feel love by God in a tender and unconditional way?*

2. *What does it look like to really make God a partner in my marriage?*

3. *What do I need to do to be more deeply aware of God's love for me?*

4. *What are some concrete gifts that I have received from God?*

5. *Do I ask Him for help as I prepare to be a good spouse? What does that mean to me?*

6. *Do I believe that the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony will strengthen me? How?*

7. *What human resources (e.g. marriage retreats, courses, counseling) am I willing to take advantage of in order to help me in this commitment? Do I think of these resources as "preventative maintenance" or "urgent care"?*

8. *Do I take seriously the trust the Lord has placed in me to help my future spouse grow in faith, hope, and love for Him and others? How will I do this?*

9. *What role did faith play in my family life growing up? Did my family pray together? Attend church? What did my parents teach me about the role of faith in my life?*

10. *How was my family's faith put into action?*

11. *What traditions of faith in my family were most important to me and would I like to continue?*

12. *What traditions are new to me that I would like to share with my future family?*