

Questionnaire: The Sacramentality of Marriage

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

1. *In what ways will the fact that we are entering a covenantal agreement make a difference in our lives?*

2. *Concretely, which of the five “F”s (Free, Faithful, Fruitful, Forever, & Forgiving) do we feel strong in? Which could we improve upon?*

3. *How does the love of Christ to the Church (He died for her to live) speak to us as a couple? Are we willing to make sacrifices for the sake of our marriage?*

-The opportunity for my “dream” job?

-Where we live? Am I willing to move to another city?

-Our privacy? Would I be willing to have my parents or your parents live with us?

4. *Do we believe that a lifelong commitment is possible in this day and age? How will we seek God’s help when necessary to sustain this commitment?*

5. *If I had to describe ourselves as a couple 50 years from now, when our careers have come and gone, how would I describe that relationship that will outlast all that? What are my goals and aspirations for our life-long growth together?*

6. *Am I committed to making and fostering the happiness of my spouse, not simply satisfying my own plans or my own pursuit of happiness? Is this a mutual commitment?*

7. *Unforeseen illnesses, addictions, and hardships usually come our way in life. It is part of our journey. Are we willing to commit to each other that if our marriage hits rough waters, no matter what state we find ourselves in and regardless of our convictions of who is at fault, and will we promise to at least seek help (consulting with a priest or counselor) and attempt to heal our bond?*