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Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments
Chapter 9 Directed Reading Worksheet
The Sacrament of Matrimony

Date _____

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Pages 237 – 238 *Helping Each Other Grow in Love*

1. What are the two purposes for which God established marriage?
2. Marriage offers a way for men and women to _____ each other and help each other _____ in love. Like Holy Orders, the focus of Matrimony is on _____, not on those who receive this sacrament. The _____ of the sacrament are directed to the _____ of the spouse primarily, and _____ as well.
3. _____ established the intimate _____ of married life. From the beginning, one of the _____ ways God has shared his _____ with men and women has been by giving them a way of _____ a deep and unifying love with _____.
4. What are differences between a natural marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony?
5. True or False? It is in the marriage of a man and woman that we have a foretaste of the intimate communion and tremendous joy that await us in Heaven.

Pages 239 – 242 *Understanding the Sacrament of Matrimony*

6. True or False? From the beginning of creation, marriage has existed in human society.
7. According to the Book of _____ the _____ agreed that it was not good for man to be _____ so he made a _____ for him. Adam declared: "This one, at last, is _____ of my bones and _____ of my flesh."
8. God's _____ People longed for the unity and _____ of marriage, which God intended from the _____ and which they learned from the _____. The _____ teach that God created man and woman for one another.
9. The history of marriage is affected by the _____ of humankind. During the time of the Old Testament it was primarily a private _____ between two male heads of _____. A young man who wanted to marry a girl had to pay her father a "_____" to compensate him for losing a _____ worker.
10. True or False? The Law of Moses permitted divorce.
11. While _____ was allowed in certain cases in the Old Testament, the understanding and practice of marriage under _____ Law and the teachings of the _____ evolved to examples of exclusive and faithful married _____.
12. True or False? The Mosaic Law allowed adultery in certain specific instances.
13. _____ restored marriage to its _____ state and raised it to a sacrament among the _____. Christ clearly taught that marriage is _____. He said: "_____."

14. True or False? St. Paul compared the relationship between a husband and wife to the same intimate relationship that Christ has with the Church.
15. What is the *form* of the Sacrament of Matrimony?"
16. Who are the ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony? Who is the official witness of the Church?
17. The Council of _____ stated that Matrimony is a _____ commitment: for the good of the _____ as well as the good of society and the _____. Therefore, _____ Catholics should celebrate Matrimony in church during _____.
18. True or False? The Protestant reformers believed marriage was a sacrament but did allow divorce.
19. True or False? The Second Vatican Council stated that only marriage between baptized Christians can be a sacrament.
20. True or False? The Second Vatican Council taught that remarriage of persons divorce from a living, lawful spouse are separated from the Church and cannot receive Holy Communion.

Pages 242 – 245 *Celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony*

21. What are the three rites of the sacrament of Matrimony?
22. What issues do engaged couples discuss in marriage preparation programs?
23. What is the nuptial blessing?
24. The bride and groom must express their _____ consent to enter into marriage and should have a sincere desire to be _____ to the other person and be open to _____. The _____ receives the consent of the spouses in the name of the _____.
25. Because they have no _____ or end, the rings symbolize the _____ love God has for humans, the eternal _____ of Christ to the Church, and the promise by the bride and groom to be _____ to one another until _____.
26. Explain how the symbolism of the bride's traditional white gown is connected to Baptism and Eucharist.
27. The bride and groom receive the Sacrament of _____ prior to their wedding in order to be properly disposed to receive _____. It is appropriate for them to receive Holy Communion under both _____ and to drink from the common _____ as a sign that they have just been _____ as one.
28. What are the common intentions found in the blessing at the end of the Mass?

Pages 245 – 250 The Grace of The Sacrament of Matrimony

29. Jesus made every _____ marriage a sign of God's _____. The loving and faithful relationship between a husband and wife is now a visible _____ of the loving and faithful relationship between _____ and his Church.
30. How is a covenant different from a contract?
31. Sacramental marriage is essentially about _____. The husband and wife share a _____—their mental, emotional, _____, and physical unity. There is also a communion between the husband and wife and their children—the oneness of _____.
32. True or False? Matrimony calls husbands, wives, and children to serve others outside the family.
33. What is fidelity?
34. _____ spouses acknowledge their need for God's continual _____ in their marriage because having _____ love is very difficult for humans to achieve and _____. The sacrament helps spouses continue choosing to _____ one another, whether or not they "_____ " like it.
35. What is "fruitful love?"
36. _____ sexual intimacy involves _____, fidelity, honor and respect between spouses. Vatican II taught that the unity of marriage is clearly apparent in the equal _____ which is accorded to man and wife in mutual and _____ affection.
37. Through Matrimony, Christian spouses _____ Christ in one another and they act as _____ to one another by loving one another as they know Christ _____ them. Marriage becomes a way of _____, a way of dying to sin and rising to _____.
38. What does communion with Christ's Paschal Mystery prove to the spouses?
39. The family is an _____ community of faith, hope, and love. The ongoing _____ of Matrimony help all family members act as Christ to _____. The Christian spouses are to _____ Jesus in today's world just like the Blessed _____ and St. _____.
40. What does it mean to "be Christ to one another"?
41. What is the domestic Church?
42. True or False? The Christian church is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith.
43. True or False? God calls Christian families to transform their love into outward action – to share in the life and mission of the Church.
44. What are two ways that Christian families join in the Church's mission?

45. Every Christian family is to be a believing and _____ community in dialogue with _____. They do this by _____ together at Sunday Mass, by frequent participation in the Sacrament of _____ and by scheduling time for prayer and _____ reflection.
46. What are three ways Christian families can serve society?
47. The Church recognizes the family as “the primary _____ of society” where children learn how to communicate and _____, become aware of the rights and needs of others and their responsibility to contribute to the _____, and social values such as respect for _____, love of the poor, _____ rules, and good _____.
48. True or False? The Church discourages laypeople from becoming involved in politics.
49. True or False? Christian families take a strong stand against situations of injustice that violate basic human dignity, including racism, sexism, nationalism, and consumerism.
50. Families promote _____ by teaching their children _____-resolution techniques at home and by emphasizing the Christian _____ that all humans are created in God’s _____ and thus have both _____ and rights.

Pages 251 – 254 Christian Marriage: A Sign of God’s Eternal Covenant with Humanity

51. The Sacrament of Matrimony recalls and signifies God’s _____ covenant with humanity. The Old Testament is filled with _____ about how God remained faithful and _____ despite how the _____ turned away from the _____.
52. Who was the Old Testament prophet who likened God’s relationship with the Israelites to a marriage?
53. True or False? Unlike God’s eternal covenant with humans, the marriage covenant cannot be retracted.
54. Jesus took a strong stance against divorce. What did he say?
55. What is “fruitful love?”
56. True or False? The Church teaches that abortion, the use of contraception, and deliberate sterilization are all evil actions.
57. True or False? The Church teaches that each and every marriage act remain ordered per se the procreation of human life.
58. A sacramental marriage also promotes the mutual _____ of husband and wife in holiness, through their _____ love. They find God’s love through their sexual _____ with one another and are to love one another _____ and completely, body and _____.
59. What is the two-fold end of Matrimony?
60. True or False? In Jesus’ relationship with the Church, he is the Bride while the Church is the perfect Bridegroom
61. Sacramental marriage is a sign of the future union between _____ and humans that is to take place at the _____. It is both a _____ reality and a reminder of the glorious future that awaits all the _____.