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Pursuing Perfection

How perfect are you? Let's find out. Circle the word on the continuum that best describes how you would rate yourself for each of the following life areas:

1. My looks and appearance

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

2. My sense of humor

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

3. My prayer life

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

4. My participation at Mass

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

5. My attitude toward my parents

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

6. My grades

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

7. My commitment to justice

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

8. My artistic ability

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

9. My involvement in school activities

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

10. My attitude toward my teachers

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

11. My faith

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

12. My athletic ability

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

13. My relationships with my friends

Pathetic _____ Poor _____ Passable _____ Progressing _____ Perfect

*“Perfection does not lie in the virtues that the soul knows it has,
but in the virtues that our Lord sees in it.”*

—St. Augustine

Name: _____

Varying Views

Consider these views on human sexuality. Circle whether you absolutely agree (AA), agree (A), disagree (D), or absolutely disagree (AD) with each. Be ready to give reasons for your choices.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Real men don't cry.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Pornography doesn't really hurt anyone.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Sex is dirty.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Something is wrong with guys interested in dance or music and other "girl" things.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
The only way to be popular is to be promiscuous.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Having sexual thoughts and feelings is usually sinful.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Homosexuals are bad people.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Adolescence is the time for experimentation—including sexual experimentation.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Something is wrong with girls interested in contact sports and other "guy" things.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Our souls are good. Our bodies are evil.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Since society seems to wink at fooling around, it must be okay, and God will understand.

AA _____ A _____ D _____ SD _____
Sexuality is more than sex and more than our sexual organs.

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My Heart's Desire—What I Really, Really Want

“Gimme fuel, gimme fire, gimme that which I desire!”

(“Fuel,” Metallica)

“So tell me what you want, what you really, really want.”

(“Wannabe,” Spice Girls)

What is your heart's desire? What do *you* really, really want? Not sure? Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I plan for or daydream about?
- What do I find myself worrying about?
- What makes me feel good/bad about myself?
- What do I seem to care about most?
- What am I willing to work hard to get—to make sacrifices for?

Now, from the list of wants and desires below—or from your own additions—number your top five.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Comfort | _____ Challenges |
| _____ A Loving Relationship | _____ Fame |
| _____ Friends | _____ Consideration |
| _____ Peace of Mind | _____ Success |
| _____ To Know God Better | _____ Long Life |
| _____ Power | _____ Meaning |
| _____ Wealth | _____ Respect |
| _____ Health | _____ Athletic Ability |
| _____ A Great Education | _____ Beauty/Good Looks |
| _____ Acceptance | _____ |
| _____ Loyalty | _____ |
| _____ Glory | _____ |
| _____ Praise | _____ |
| _____ A Special Talent | _____ |

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What I Believe

I Believe

- _____
- _____
- _____

I Believe

- _____
- _____
- _____

I Believe

- _____
- _____
- _____

I Believe

- _____
- _____
- _____

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Me and My Faith

Complete the following sentences:

One time my faith helped me deal with worries was . . .

The one question people ask about faith that I don't have an answer for is . . .

If my faith in God was the basis for a TV show, I'd call it . . .

One of the doubts I have about my faith is . . .

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Beatitude Prayer for Holiness



1. With those poor in spirit, lead us to holiness.



2. With those who are meek, lead us to holiness.



3. With those who mourn, lead us to holiness.



4. With those who hunger and thirst for justice, lead us to holiness.



5. With those who show mercy, lead us to holiness.



6. With the pure of heart, lead us to holiness.



7. With the peacemakers, lead us to holiness.



8. With those persecuted for the sake of justice, lead us to holiness.



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Job? Career? Vocation?

Jobs	Careers	Vocations

Fill in the blanks.

A _____ is a path we choose

A _____ is a call we receive.

A _____ is a task we undertake.

A _____ shapes us.

A _____ occupies us.

A _____ directs us.

Name: _____

Whom Do You Trust?

Fill in the blanks with names of people you trust . . .

1) . . . to keep a secret:

2) . . . to offer you sound advice:

3) . . . to always be there for you:

4) . . . to tell you the truth no matter how bad—or how good—it is:

5) . . . to borrow your car:

6) . . . to stick up for you:

7) . . . with your credit card:

8) . . . with your cell phone:

9) . . . to take care of you when sick with a cold:

10) . . . to take care of you if you were permanently disabled:

“Few delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we trust utterly.”

—G. MacDonald

Name: _____

Naming Feelings

Discernment starts with the ability to name our feelings. To begin, recognize that “good” or “bad” are not names of feelings. They’re judgment calls about feelings. Feelings aren’t good or bad. They just are. You can’t control what feelings you get. That’s why it’s okay to feel the way you feel. However, it’s not always easy to name what you’re feeling. But you can do something about that. You can expand your feelings vocabulary. Check out these names of feelings.

afraid	EXCITED	<i>Loved</i>
AGGRESSIVE	<i>Frightened</i>	miserable
Amused	FRUSTRATED	nervous
angry	furious	POWERFUL
anxious	Glad	powerless
appreciated	guilty	<i>Proud</i>
Bored	Happy	rejected
comfortable	hopeful	RELIEVED
Concerned	HOPELESS	sad
confused	hurt	SAFE
Contented	<i>Inspired</i>	tense
disappointed	insecure	unloved
discouraged	JEALOUS	WANTED
enthusiastic	JOYFUL	worthless
Envious	lonely	worthwhile
_____	_____	

- Besides the above, there are many more feeling words. Add a couple of your own in the blank spaces.
- From the list, circle any feeling(s) you remember having during the past week.
- Recall the dilemma situations from your last class (page 45). List what feelings Mary, Patrick, and Kendra might have had.
- What does it mean to *name* feelings?
- Who is responsible for the feelings you have?

Feelings can be _____
and _____
but never _____.

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Christian Discernment

Discernment is the ability to chart a godly course through the maze of choices and options that confront us on our journey. Saint Paul put it this way:

WE DO NOT CEASE PRAYING FOR YOU and asking that you
may be **FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE** of [God's] will
through all spiritual **WISDOM** and **UNDERSTANDING**
to **LIVE** in a manner **WORTHY OF THE LORD**,
so as to be fully pleasing, in **EVERY GOOD WORK**
bearing fruit and **GROWING** in the **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**,
STRENGTHENED with every power,
in accord with his **GLORIOUS MIGHT**,
for all **ENDURANCE** and **PATIENCE**,
with joy **GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER**,
who has **MADE YOU** fit to share
in the **INHERITANCE** of the holy ones in light.

(Col 1:9–12)

Put simply, Christian discernment is a prayerful pondering or deliberation of the many options available to you in life. Christian discernment means striving to see things from God's point of view.

Steps toward Discernment

1. Name the problem/decision to be made. (What's happening here?)
2. Name and claim responsibility for how you feel about the problem/decision. (How do I feel about it?)
3. Through prayerful reflection, examine alternatives. (What is God inviting me to do?)
4. Make and carry out the best possible decision. (Do it!)
5. Evaluate the action and its consequences. (Was this the best decision I could have made?)

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The Vocation Equation

When it comes to atomic power, this is the equation that matters:

$$**E = MC^2**$$

When it comes to discernment, this is the equation that empowers:

Dream & Imagine

+

Gather Information

+

Pray Over Options

+

Decision

=

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The Consecrated Life

The life consecrated through the profession of the evangelical counsels is a stable form of living in which the faithful, following Christ more closely under the action of the Holy Spirit, are totally dedicated to God, who is loved most of all, so that having been dedicated by a new and special title to his honor, to the building up of the Church, and to the salvation of the world, they strive for the perfection of charity in the service of the kingdom of God and, having been made an outstanding sign in the Church, foretell the heavenly glory.

Code of Canon Law, Paragraph 573, No. 1

- A. If the evangelical counsels are poverty, chastity, and obedience, write 1.
If the consecrated life proclaims the glory of this world, write 2.
- B. If contemplative religious brothers live in convents, write K.
If contemplative religious sisters live in convents, write P.
- C. If religious can be both sisters and brothers, write E.
If religious cannot be ordained, write I.
- D. If the most common characteristic of religious life is belonging to community, write T.
If two characteristics of religious life are the active and proactive forms, write N.
- E. If consecrated virgins must be members of a religious community, write G.
If secular institutes are organizations Catholics must avoid at all costs, write E.
- F. If women and men can take part in a society of apostolic life, write R.
If members of societies of apostolic life are required to take public vows, write S.
- G. If choosing a spiritual director is a good idea for people considering a vocation to the consecrated life, write 2.
If formation programs for all religious congregations are the same, write 5.
- H. If the two parts for choosing the consecrated life are decision and formation, write 1.
If postulancy, novitiate, temporary profession, and perpetual vows are the typical stages of formation in a religious community, write 9.

_____ : _____
A B C D E F G H

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Another Vocation Equation

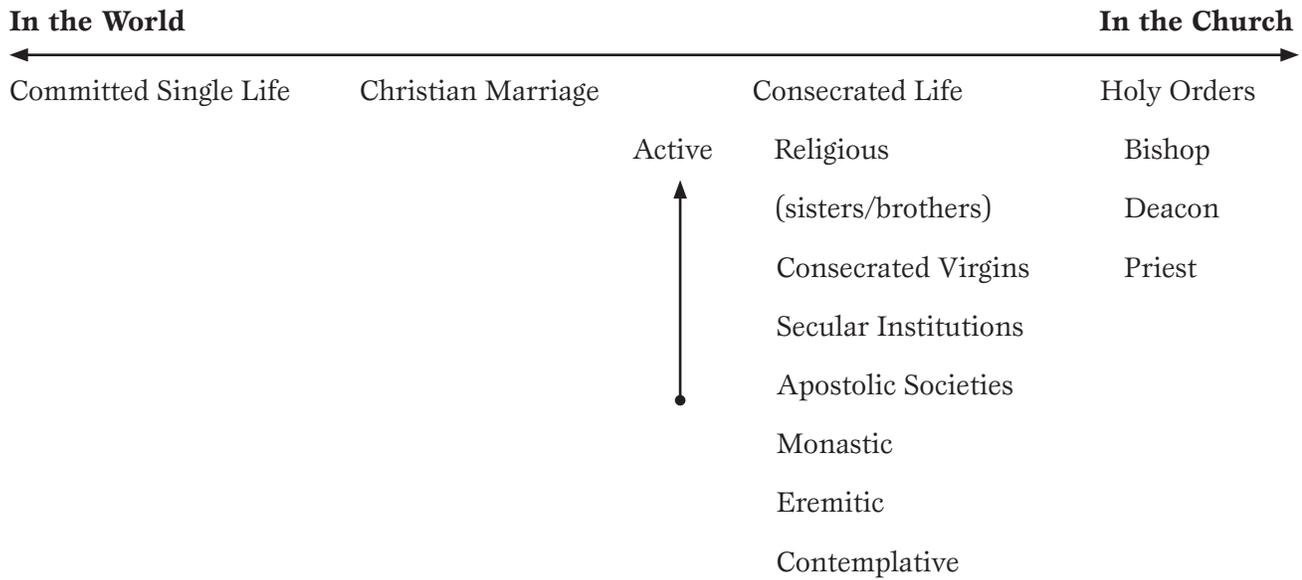
God is love and in himself he lives a mystery of personal loving communion . . . Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.

Pope John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 11

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LOVE LIVED OUT IN A LIFE COMMITMENT



Name: _____

Suffering Servants

. . . while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more, then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. (Rom 5:8–9)

Learn more about Jesus who suffered for you. Read the following Scripture passages, then write a brief summary of each.

Mark 12:34–36 _____

John 11:32–36 _____

Hebrews 4:14–15 _____

1 Peter 2:19–25 _____

1. What do these passages tell you about Jesus and suffering?
2. Who is suffering in our school? Our parish? Our community?
3. How can *we*—the people in *this* class—act as disciples of Jesus by reaching out to help them?

Name: _____

Marriage Musings

For each musing circle the phrase on the continuum that best describes your opinion.

1. Marriage will end a person's feelings of loneliness.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

2. Married people complete one another.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

3. Marriage is for everyone.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

4. When it comes to marriage, all you need is love.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

5. When you get married, you create your own family legacy.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

6. Conflict in marriage signals a lack of love.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

7. Marrying puts a woman at greater risk of domestic violence than if she remains single.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

8. Children solidify marriages.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

9. Egalitarian marriages are easier than traditional ones.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

10. Couples who live together before marriage can test how well suited they are for each other and thus will have more satisfying and longer-lasting marriages than couples who do not.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

11. "Living together" is just like marriage, but without "the piece of paper" (marriage license).

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

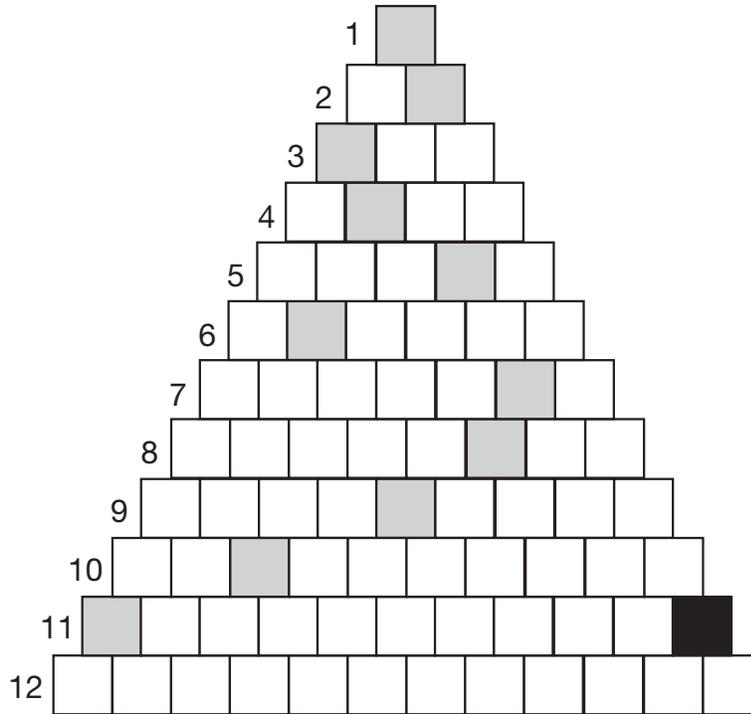
12. Married couples should know one another's needs without their having to say anything.

Totally Agree — **Agree Somewhat** — **Disagree Somewhat** — **Totally Disagree**

Name: _____

A Great Mystery

Fill in the correct words in the twelve-word pyramid. Each word has the same number of letters as the number next to it. Discover the twelve words by completing the twelve statements. Finally, use the shaded letters in the pyramid to solve the mystery.



1. The letter that occurs twice in the name of the first woman is ____.
2. The second and last letters in the name of the first man are ____ and ____.
3. The *Catechism* says that ____ made man and woman for each other.
4. ____ of the animals proved a suitable companion for man (Gen 2:19–20).
5. Genesis 2:24 reveals that man and woman are _____ to each other.
6. “That is why a man leaves his father and _____ and clings to his wife” (Gen 2:24).
7. Scripture continually refers to marriage as a “_____.”
8. God asks human beings to care for the earth, not as its masters but its _____.
9. Naomi’s daughter-in-law becomes the great-grandmother of Israel’s greatest monarch,
_____.
10. One of the effects of original sin is the pain experienced by women in _____.
11. The _____ is named after a Moabite woman.
12. The _____ reveals a new and loving image of God for us.

What image of God does the Old Testament reveal as it describes God’s action in restoring the People of Israel to grace?

5 11 8 10 9 1 3 7 6 4 2

Check your answer. Look up and read the following passages in your Bible.

- Isaiah 54:5
- Isaiah 62:4–5
- Hosea 2:16–18, 21–22

Name: _____

Love or Infatuation

What is it? Love or infatuation? Mark with an **L** the words and phrases that you think describe love. Mark those you think describe infatuation with an **I**. If you think a word or phrase could apply to either or both, mark **L-I**. Finally, add two phrases of your own, one describing love, the other infatuation. Mark them accordingly.

_____ Concern over another's well-being

_____ Feeling secure

_____ Blind

_____ Possessing another person

_____ Being possessed by another person

_____ Feeling unsure

_____ Painful

_____ Delightful

_____ Passion

_____ Long-lasting

_____ Something that happens at first sight

_____ Being cared for

_____ Ignoring each other's faults

_____ Forgiving

_____ Freeing

_____ Short-lived

_____ Exclusive

_____ Respectful of another's freedom

_____ Giving the other person all your time

_____ Respectful

Name: _____

How Love Works

Look up and copy out the Scripture passages referenced below. In the boxes after each reference, write the letter of the sentence that best describes how Jesus says love works.

- A. Love serves others.**
- B. Love forgives and gets forgiveness.**
- C. Love entails total self-giving**
- D. Love gets as good as it gives.**

Luke 6:36-38

Matthew 25:34-36

Luke 7:44, 46-47

John 15:13

In marriage, every day you love, and every day you forgive. It is an ongoing sacrament, love and forgiveness.

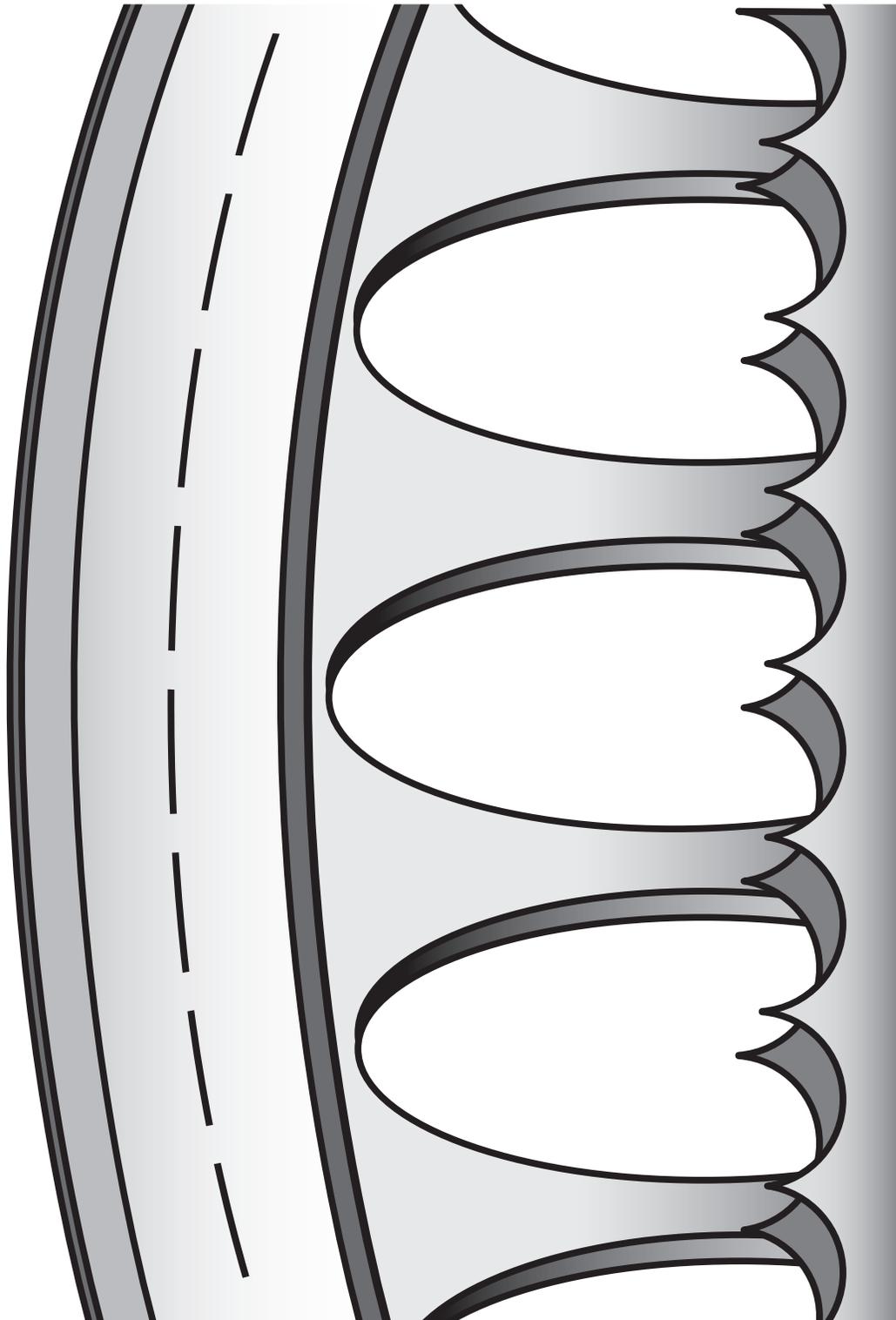
—Bill Moyers

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The Friendship Bridge

Imagine friendship as a bridge of understanding between two people:

- It's never one-sided. Write your name on one side of the bridge, a friend's on the other.
- It needs strong supports. In each of the four bridge pillars, write a shared **value** that supports your friendship with each other.
- It's paved by shared interests and expectations. On the eight lines on the bridge pavement, list four **interests** you share with your friend and four things you look for or **expect** in your friendship.



Name: _____

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord,

make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Name: _____

Fidelity

In a marriage, you're promising

to *care* about everything:

the *good* things, the *bad* things,

the *terrible* things, the *mundane* things,

all of it . . .

all the time, every day.

You're saying to each other,

"Your life will not go unnoticed,

because I will notice it.

Your life will not go unwitnessed.

I will be your witness."

A Couple's Devotion

My Own Fidelity

Name: _____

A Brief History of Marriage

Mark each of the following statements **T** for true or **F** for false.

1. _____ Marriage was never considered an institution established by God—that is, something natural and good on its own—until the second or third century AD.
2. _____ Jesus restored the ideal of marriage—two people becoming one.
3. _____ Christian marriage is modeled on the relationship between Christ and the Church.
4. _____ From earliest days, the Church discouraged using the customs of local cultures—for example, exchange of rings, processions, bridal veils, dowries— in the celebration of Christian marriage.
5. _____ In the fifth century, St. John Chrysostom taught that marriage is not an obstacle to salvation, that God established marriage for the procreation of children; and that marriage is a means of salvation for the couple.
6. _____ According to St. Ambrose, marriage is good because God creates it and that it offers three good things: (1) the procreation of children; (2) the chastity of the couple and their mutual fidelity; and (3) an indissoluble union.
7. _____ By the Middle Ages, the Christian wedding ceremony had become quite formal, requiring an exchange of vows, the presence of a priest and witnesses, and being performed in a church.
8. _____ By the twelfth century, the Church formally recognized Marriage as a sacrament that endures until the death of a spouse.
9. _____ The Second Vatican Council declared that the essential element of the sacrament is the exchange of rings.
10. _____ In Christian marriage, a man and woman accept each other in permanent and exclusive union that is open to procreation.

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Will You Marry Me?

Use questions like the following to interview parents or another married couple you know. Have them tell you about their engagement and wedding preparations.

1. How did you meet?
2. How long did you date before getting engaged?
3. Who proposed? When? Where? How? What happened? Was there a ring?
4. Were you ever engaged to someone but the engagement ended? If so, how and why?
5. How long did your engagement last?
6. How far in advance did you start making plans for your wedding day (ceremony, reception, honeymoon, etc.)?
7. Where did you get married? In a church? Whose parish? Elsewhere?
8. Were there any impediments to your getting married in the Church? If so, which one(s) and how resolved?

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Finding a Soul Mate

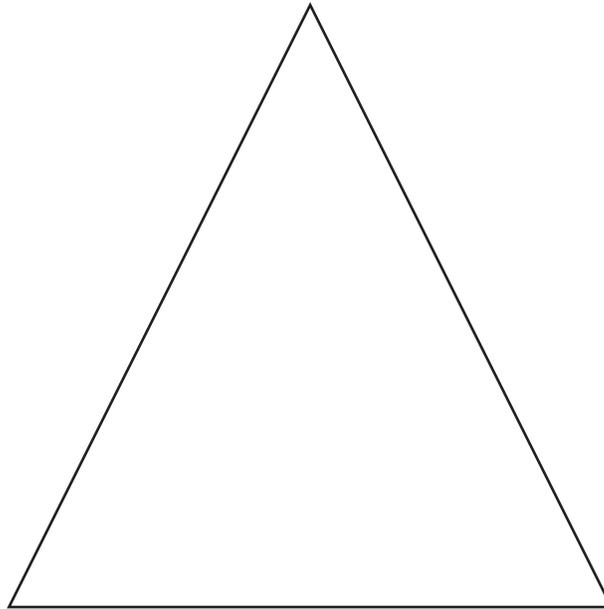
Looking for love? Do you think you need to find your “soul mate” to have a good marriage? If that’s what you think, sorry, but you’re wrong. You’re never going to *find* your soul mate. Everyone you meet already has soul mates: a mom, a dad, a life-long friend. **When you are married, after years of loving, bearing and raising children, and meeting challenges, you’ll have *created* your soul mate.**

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree with the above statement? Use the space below to tell why.

Name: _____

The Marriage Triangle

Individual Traits



Couple Traits

Personal and Relationship Contexts

Name: _____

The Power of A Promise

I didn't marry you because you were perfect.

I didn't even marry you because I loved you.

I married you because you gave me a **PROMISE**.

That **PROMISE** made up for your faults.

And the **PROMISE** I gave you made up for mine.

Two imperfect people got married
and it was the **PROMISE** that made the marriage.

And when our children were growing up,
it wasn't a house that protected them;
and it wasn't our love that protected them—

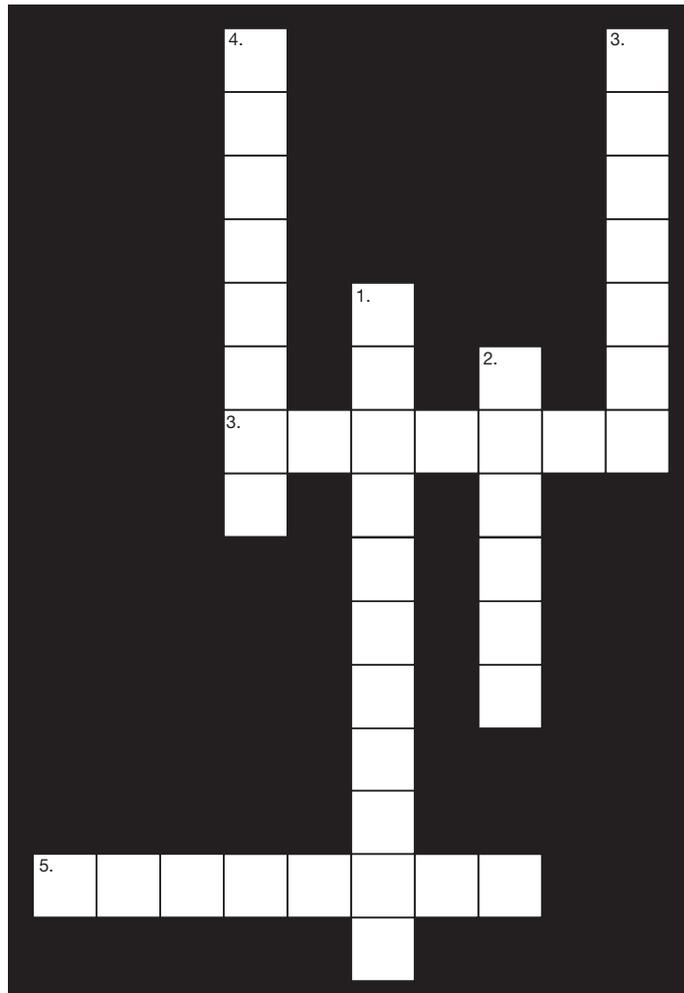
it was that **PROMISE**.

Thornton Wilder
"The Skin of Our Teeth"

Write your own marriage vows. Make them a real promise—a promise you can keep.

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Chapter 4 Vocabulary



Across

3. The special blessing given at a wedding liturgy.
5. The Church in miniature.

Down

1. Obstacles preventing a sacramental or legal marriage.
2. A person engaged to be married.
3. The Church-approved method for family planning.
4. A binding agreement between God and people.

Name: _____

Recipe for a Compatible Marriage

Combine one husband and one wife. Sift in the following ingredients: 2 cups _____, 1 cup _____, 3 cups _____, and 1 cup _____. Mix well. Strain out any _____, _____, and _____. Fold in 1 cup of _____ and two tablespoons of _____. Carefully blend in $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon(s) of _____ extract. Add _____ to taste. Sprinkle with _____. Bake in a _____ till set. Enjoy!



Name: _____

Simple Solutions

✱ Love Yourself

What are the four best things about you?

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

As part of your daily routine, commit to praising something in yourself.

Every day at _____, I will praise myself for something I've done or
(set a time)
for something I really like about myself.

Forgive yourself.

One thing I want to forgive myself for is _____
_____.

✱ Talk It Over

One of the best ways to communicate with others is through "I" statements. "I" statements allow us to be outspoken without being loud-mouthed. They express how we feel or ask for what we need without judging or hurting others. "I" statements help us avoid making demanding and blaming statements such as: "You make me . . ." "You should/shouldn't . . ." "If only you would . . ." An "I" statement goes like this:

"I think (state thought)" OR "I feel (state feeling)" OR "I want (state need)."

Transform these "You" statements into "I" statements.

You never make the bed.

I _____ .

You won't let me hang out with my friends.

I _____ .

Talking is only one way of communicating. Listening is just as or even *more* important! Find out how well you listen. Complete the activity "Rate Yourself as a Listener" on page 146 before moving on.

✱ Love Your Spouse

You're not married yet, but you can begin to practice how to be aware of others and to be thoughtful toward them. For example:

- Surprise someone doing something right and offer praise for little things.
- Develop common interests with friends that allow you to share together.
- Focus on being kind rather than right—this decreases disagreements and enhances enjoyment.

✱ Worship and Pray

Our worship, prayer and shared household rituals provide us with intense moments of meaning. They bring purpose to our lives. In worship, prayer, and shared ritual, we embody why we live and celebrate what we believe. What is your favorite family ritual?

Name: _____

The "Gift" of Children

The Vatican II document *The Church in the Modern World* tells us that "children are the supreme gift of marriage." Match letters to the numbers to recall how the Church calls married couples to cherish that gift. Complete the Carl Sandberg quotation on the importance of children for the world at the bottom of the page.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25

- The Church _____ Catholic couples to
8 3 10 11 1 3 13 2 11 22
have as many children as possible.
- The Church does, however, _____ couples who have large families.
6 3 26 26 20 1 8
- Catholic couples can plan and space the birth of their children for just _____.
9 10 2 11 3 1 11
- "Needing time to establish oneself in a _____" is not, however, a just reason.
6 2 9 10 10 9
- The Church allows couples to take the natural _____ of fertility in order to
9 16 23 13 16 26 11
regulate conception.
- Determining the timing of the _____ of children means practicing
4 18 9 13 16
_____ chastity.
6 3 1 20 15 14 2 24
- To avoid pregnancy, a couple has to refrain from intercourse during the
_____, _____ fertile periods.
19 18 12 10 11
- Refraining from sex, while difficult for married couples, can help them control
_____ rather than be controlled *by* them.
5 2 11 11 18 3 1 11

_____, _____
2 4 2 4 23 18 11 14 3 8 11

3 5 18 1 18 3 1 13 16 2 13 13 16 10

19 3 9 24 8 11 16 3 15 24 8 14 3 3 1

Carl Sandburg

Name: _____

Family Matters

The United States Census Bureau defines family as “a group of two or more people who reside together and who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.” How do you define family? Write your definition below.

Family is . . . _____



Every family has special traits or qualities or does special things together that really *matter* to it as a family—make it unique. Think of a characteristic or quality you admire in your family, for example, humor, athleticism, or generosity. Write a limerick* that shares something that matters in your family.

The following sample limerick is by a young woman whose last name is Wood. Check out how her family matters to her. Then, write your own family limerick.

I'm part of the family called Wood.
I wouldn't leave if I could.
Though I'm oft' underfoot,
I think I'll stay put,
Cuz here's where I'm understood!

My Family Limerick

*A limerick is a simple five-line poem. Lines 1, 2, and 5 have seven to ten syllables and rhyme with one another. Lines 3 and 4 have five to seven syllables and also rhyme with each other.

Name: _____

Chapter 5 Vocabulary Word Search

J P Z A L V Y M I I U V B B L
D I H P F F J M N N E K I O H
C D N X X E U O C C T O V B Z
E O O P Y M I R L A A E Y E U
T N N K C T P W N R G M C N L
H M I T A J W C T N O N F C N
W H O L R X D I B A R S A E E
U H U T P A F C P T R H M Q V
J V D A H I C G S I U X I S J
O V D F C E C E R O S B L L R
E T X I C C R S P N Z Q Y Z L
C U A E C N E N I T N O C Y F
V L R H O Y L O H D I I C P F
C O N J U G A L S Z B O N T J
U E U L D Q B Z V Q X A N Y W

Locate and circle each vocabulary word listed below that you discover in the word search above. Note that each word in the term is listed separately.

- CONJUGAL LOVE
- CONTINENCE
- ARTIFICIAL CONTRACEPTION
- DISCIPLINE
- HOLY FAMILY
- INCARNATION
- SURROGATE MOTHER
- OVULATION

Name: _____

Promises to Keep

Recall the vows made in the sacrament of Matrimony:

*I promise to be true to you
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health.
I will love and honor you
all the days of my life.
—Rite of Marriage*

Each one is a promise to keep. Altogether they add up to a covenant of faithful lasting love. What do you think about each of these promises?

Under each heading, write what you think each promise means. Include your hopes, doubts, and fears as well as your understanding and faith.

I promise to be true to you

In good times and in bad

In sickness and in health

I will love you

And honor you

All the days of my life.

Name: _____

Marriage Equation

Natural Complementarity

+

Holy Spirit

=

Unity + Indissolubility

=

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
.. _... . .-

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
... --- _... - -...

Use the Morse Code grid below to solve the equation.

A ..	F	K ---	P ...-	U ...-	Z
B -....	G --.	L -....	Q ---	V ...-	
C -...-	H	M --	R ...	W ...	
D ...	I ..	N -.	S ...	X -...-	
E .	J	O ---	T -	Y -...-	

Name: _____

Against the Dignity of Marriage

Match the offenses against marriage with their definitions.

- A. Adultery
- B. Polygamy
- C. Incest
- D. Sexual Abuse
- E. Free Union
- F. Trial Marriage
- G. Gay Marriage

1. A sexual attack on a young person by someone in power over him or her. ____
2. A contractual union between two people of the same sex. ____
3. A couple's living together without the benefit of marriage. ____
4. A couple's living together in order to "audition" for marriage. ____
5. Sexual relations between close relatives or in-laws. ____
6. Sexual relations between two people—at least one of whom is married—not married to each other.

7. Being married to more than one wife. ____

Name: _____

Cries and Whispers—A Couple's Prayer

Lord,
they come too soon
those early morning cries,
too soon
to reassemble the jumble
of last evening's resolution
of "I'll be good tomorrow."

They crack the day's foundation
before its second course is laid
and mortared in its place;
and reconstruction is so hard, Lord,
when blueprints are lost.

Still
we know somewhere amid the kitchen's cacophony
you are lurking, Lord;
somewhere between the spilt milk
and soggy cereal
salvation whispers;
in half-cups of cold coffee
your kingdom waits
to spring its sweet surprises.

Grant us ears to hear you, Lord,
eyes to spy you in the corners
of our harried hours;
let us bear with those morning cries,
cherish those nighttime whispers,
for our redemption happens there, Lord,
or no place else
at all.

Amen.

- Where does the married couple offering this prayer say they find God in their life?
- Why do they admit that their redemption is found in morning cries and nighttime whispers?
- What does this prayer say to you about the sacramental grace of marriage?

Name: _____

Foot Washing

Foot washing answers Jesus' difficult question, "Do you realize what I have done for you?" with a resounding "Yes!"

Foot washers are hospitable, humble, self-giving stewards. Foot washers are servants of the servants, salt of the earth, light for the world. Foot washing is a powerful symbol of what it means to be a minister. Foot washing is the powerful work of ministers who know that the cross is their glory and that their authority is always exercised in service.

"Ministerial priesthood" can be thought of as a synonym for foot washers. Those in the ministerial priesthood (bishops, priests, and deacons) serve the common priesthood (the Church) by teaching, governing, and celebrating the sacraments. Through their ministry, Christ himself—the first to wash feet—becomes visibly present to us.

- How has someone in the ministerial priesthood (e.g., a parish priest) "symbolically washed your feet" or the feet of someone in your family or circle of friends? For example, offering comfort in a time of sorrow or loss; celebrating a special sacrament; giving sound advice when you were faced with a difficult decision.

- How have you symbolically washed someone else's feet through your own service?

Name: _____

The 12 + 1 Apostles

Find the names of the Apostles in the puzzle below—including both Judas and his replacement. Need help? Check out Matthew 10:1–4 and Acts of the Apostles 1:23.

G Z W X V H Z P V K I M M S N
B M H X V V Q F C A M N A E M
W W B O R R E T E P N I M Y R
W D A X H E P L H S H D V J Y
S E H H U N N B A T S P R H S
E E M O O B M D T C U H O E K
J G M O T W U A A N E I N V W
F H Y A L J M E U H A L O Z W
I T N Y J O J J C I D I M G V
K K M A T T H E W T D P I E W
D J O H N T T T H O A Y S Z J
W R B M O Y T O R G H D W E L
I D Y P P F M H K A T A U M I
E T N N S A A G Y V B W K T B
L A Z K S P H J R R M O A D B

Name: _____

Priesthood

1. ___ If Samuel was the Old Testament priest that explicitly prefigured Christ, write S.
If the “king of Salem” was a priest, write A.
2. ___ If Melchizedek lived to be 900 years old, write E.
If Melchizedek offered a sacrifice of bread and wine, write L.
3. ___ If the letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as a unique High Priest, write T.
If anyone who wanted to be a priest in ancient Israel could simply apply for the job, write R.
4. ___ If Jesus is a priest on his own authority, write V.
If God called and chose Jesus to be a priest, write E.
5. ___ If Jesus is the perfect High Priest because he is also God, write E.
If Jesus is the perfect High Priest because he is also a human being, write R.
6. ___ If Jesus had to offer sacrifices daily, write N.
If the Old Testament priests offered sacrifices daily, write C.
7. ___ If only the Jewish high priest could enter into the sanctuary, write H.
If only Jesus could enter into the sanctuary, write T.
8. ___ If Jesus’ sacrifice was once and for all, write R.
If Jesus’ sacrifice is repeatable, write S.
9. ___ If Jesus’ sacrifice atoned for all sins for all time, write I
If Jesus will take away all sin when he comes again, write O.
10. ___ If the sacrament of Holy Orders makes us sharers in the common priesthood of Christ, write F.
If sharing in the common priesthood of Christ means mediating his presence to others, write S.
11. ___ If building up the community is a task that belongs to us all, write T.
If the sacrament of Penance gives us the graces that help us live out the common priesthood, write G.
12. ___ If the common priesthood calls us to worship, write U.
If the common priesthood calls us to lead worship, write O.
13. ___ If Paul’s Letter to the Colossians says to do everything in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, write D.
If bearing suffering and making sacrifices are part of living out the common priesthood, write S.

Those in the Ministerial Priesthood are ...

(Place correct letter from nos. 1–13 here.)

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

(Place incorrect letters from Nos. 1–13 here.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10

11 12 13

Ministries and Graces of Holy Orders

	MINISTRIES	GRACES
Episcopacy	<p><i>Ministries of the Episcopacy</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successor to Apostles and in union with other bishops and pope. 2. Responsible for the welfare of the whole Church. 3. Spiritual “father” of his diocese. 4. Minister of all sacraments. (He is the only one who can ordain and is the normal minister of Confirmation.) 	<p><i>Graces of the Episcopacy</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prudence and love to guide and defend the Church. 2. Strength to reach out to the poor, sick, and needy. 3. Courage to proclaim the gospel. 4. Help to live life with a devotion to the Eucharist.
Presbyterate	<p><i>Ministries of the Presbyterate</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helps the bishop and is his extension into the diocese. 2. Presides at the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, and Penance. 3. Preaches and teaches God’s word. 4. Is an active agent for building the Church. 	<p><i>Graces of the Presbyterate</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gifts necessary to proclaim the gospel truthfully. 2. Love to offer spiritual gifts and sacrifices to lead others to the faith through preaching, Baptism, and upright living.
Diaconate	<p><i>Ministries of the Diaconate</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serves the bishop and people of God by baptizing, distributing communion, teaching, conducting marriages and funerals, administering sacraments, and sometimes doing Church administration. 	<p><i>Graces of the Diaconate</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gifts for the service of the gospel, liturgy, and various works of charity. 2. Dedication to serve the Church under the direction of the bishop and in cooperation with priests.

Finally, Holy Orders confers an indelible spiritual character that configures ordained persons to Christ, helping them to serve Christ.

Name: _____

The Three "Orders"

For each statement choose to which degree of Holy Orders it refers. Mark **B** for Bishop, **P** for Priest, or **D** for Deacon.

- ___ Comes from the word "*presbyteroi*"
- ___ Stephen was one of the first of these
- ___ Means "overseer"
- ___ Co-worker with the bishop
- ___ The Pope
- ___ Means to "wait on" or "to serve"
- ___ "Ordinary" of a diocese
- ___ Successor to St. Peter
- ___ Can be a married man
- ___ Usually the pastor of a parish
- ___ Possesses the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders
- ___ Can be "transitional" or "permanent"
- ___ Descendant of the apostles
- ___ Assists the bishop and presbyters
- ___ Belongs to a special "college"
- ___ Offering the Eucharist is his principle power

Name: _____

Dear _____,

I believe that you are someone who has a heart that loves ...

- ♥ ... God and demonstrates that love in yearning to serve others.
- ♥ ... the Church and the sacraments and manifests that love in desiring to celebrate the sacraments with the Church community.
- ♥ ... the Word of God and manifests that love in aspiring to proclaim the good news to all.
- ♥ ... and listens to the needs and cries of others.
- ♥ ... and longs to bring healing to others.
- ♥ ... and strives to model holiness as an "alter Christus" among God's people.
- ♥ ... strongly enough and generously enough to live happily without the intimate companionship of a spouse and children.

Because you're so big-hearted, I think you'd make a great priest. I hope you will consider it. Know that my prayers are with you and for you.

♥ Yours,

Name: _____

The Rite of Priestly Ordination

Call

Presentation

Election and Consent

Homily

Examination

Promise of Obedience and Prayer

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Consecration

Giving of Stole, Chasuble, and Anointing

Presentation of Gifts and Kiss of Peace

Concelebration

Name: _____

Chapter 8 Vocabulary Puzzle

Find and circle the words in the puzzle that complete the vocabulary definitions listed below. Write the vocabulary words in the empty blanks.

C X H J V O C A T I O N D I R E C T O R
H F T Z W Q M H N Z O V F R O V J Q J W
A W I R W I S M Z Z L V R R I A D T U S
S P X H F Y J L K J A T W H R O J T T S
K R O X B E B Z V E L Z Q M E L G N K Z
X G U S J L U H K U K K N T P H I L D N
E V F O T G I R Y P Y X A F U A T E V S
E A S C H O A S D E R B O D S O G C T O
C W R Q L E L C H K L S V E S Y N T T T
P P K I L S H I Q H B O H N U C F I R R
T W A A Y A R T C Q I T T R O U O O Z T
P G U W S W Z I F L F J H S I E O D K H
F T F U Y G R R K O E O U E G G Y I F U
J H B G H W V X Y D Y T L Z I W Z V W E
N L Y R D P T N G I K G T P L E R I G B
E P O I A H A Y H B O G R E E M B N L G
Z D E F N T L I O H W F U U R Q T A R F
W Q T B I J B Y D E T T N C T F D L K G
E Y D L M S I R A H C T V S E I U P H B
P A K P M B Q E G R H V K X Q B L K B B

1. The white garment worn by anyone taking a leadership role at Mass is called an _____.
2. A _____ is a special blessing of a religious community that helps define its mission and spirituality.
3. _____ are the letters that stand for Catholic Youth Organization.
4. When the Vatican makes an appointment such as a new bishop, it does so by sending an _____.
5. A priest wears a _____ over his stole and alb at Mass.
6. Only an ordained minister may wear the long narrow strip of cloth called a _____.
7. _____ is a classical prayer practice involving the prayerful reading of the Bible.
8. Prior to a priest's ordination, the Church prays a long prayer of petition called the _____.
9. The _____ or "divine office" is the official daily prayer of the Church.
10. The person in a diocese of religious order primarily responsible for responding to inquiries about priesthood or religious life is the _____.
11. The _____ is a religious community's leader.

Name: _____

Chapter 8—Summary Points Review

- The _____ are filled with examples of God calling his people to service.
- God calls people in many different ways, including ____ to the _____.
- One way God calls _____ to _____ is through the _____ of others in the _____.
- _____ are responsible to help a man to determine if he is being called by God to the priesthood and to help him decide whether or not to accept that call.
- From an _____ a person may feel called to the priesthood.
- There are several _____ that help a man determine if he is being called to priesthood.
- A man who is discerning a call to the priesthood must first be a _____ who can recognize _____ and know how to listen to it.
- Among the ways a man tests his call to the priesthood are: _____.
- After a time of personal _____, a man makes a formal application to be a candidate for priesthood.
- There are several qualifications for a man to be accepted as a candidate for either a _____ or a _____ priest.
- There are four main areas of priestly formation: _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- The Church itself and the _____ are the first representatives who help in forming a man for the priesthood.
- The _____ is the place for priestly formation.
- Life in the seminary includes _____, _____, and _____.
- The ordination of bishop, priest, and deacon all follow the same movement and all take place during the _____.
- The essential rite of ordination is the _____ by the bishop on the candidate while reciting a prayer of consecration.
- Some of the duties of priestly ordination are shared by the bishop in his homily: _____, _____, and _____.
- There are other secondary rites of ordination; for example a priest receives the gifts of _____ to help him model his life on the cross of Christ; the bishop receives the _____ as a sign of his mission to proclaim God's word, and deacons are given the _____ as well as a sign that he, too, will support the bishop by heralding God's word.
- Holy Orders confers an indelible _____ or sacred power on the man that lasts for a lifetime.
- Holy Orders guarantees that Christ acts through the bishop and priest, especially in the _____.
- Even if the minister is unworthy or sinful, this does not prevent _____ from acting in the sacraments.
- The sacred power of Holy Orders is one of _____ over authority.
- In general, the grace of the Holy Spirit that comes from ordination is a connection to Christ as _____, _____, and _____.

Name: _____

The Deer's Cry

Anonymous Eighth Century Gaelic. Translated from old Irish by Kuno Meyer.



I arise today.

Through the strength of heaven,
Light of sun,
Radiance of moon,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftiness of wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of earth,
Firmness of rock,

I arise today.

Through God's strength to pilot me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,

I arise today.

From all who shall wish me ill,
Afar and near,
Alone and in a multitude,
Against every cruel,
Merciless power
That may oppose my body and soul,

I arise today.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

I arise today.

Name: _____

Bishops

Mark each of the following statements **T** for True or **F** for False. If a statement is false, write a clarifying statement to make it true.

1. ____ A bishop heads a prescribed geographical area called a diocese.
2. ____ The college of bishops exercises authority in the Church whenever they choose.
3. ____ A diocesan bishop is often called an *extraordinary*.
4. ____ An archbishop is in charge of all the other bishops in his province.
5. ____ A bishop who is appointed to a diocese with the right to succeed the sitting bishop is called an ancillary bishop.
6. ____ Titular bishops are bishops who are in Church positions that prevent them from acting as ordinaries of their own dioceses.
7. ____ Only bishops and archbishops who are made cardinals may elect a new pope.
8. ____ The three main tasks of the bishop are to teach, to preach, and to govern.
9. ____ Every five years, all the bishops of the world submit a report to Rome and also make a visit to Rome called *ad limina Apostolorum*.
10. ____ *Ad limina Apostolorum* means “in the feet of the Apostles.”
11. ____ The authority over the whole Church that the college of bishops exercises takes place in a gathering called a plenary council.
12. ____ The authority of the college of bishops can take place without assembling as long as the pope calls the bishops to act and approves of their action.

Name: _____

Choosing a Bishop

FROM AMONG THE
PRIESTS OF A PROVINCE

DIOCESAN BISHOPS
MAKE A LIST OF BISHOP CANDIDATES

LIST SUBMITTED TO USCCB'S
COMMITTEE FOR SELECTING BISHOPS

And to

THE PAPAL NUNCIO

WHO QUESTIONS THE CANDIDATES

THEN

SENDS A LIST OF THREE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES
THE CONGREGATION FOR BISHOPS IN ROME

THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE BY

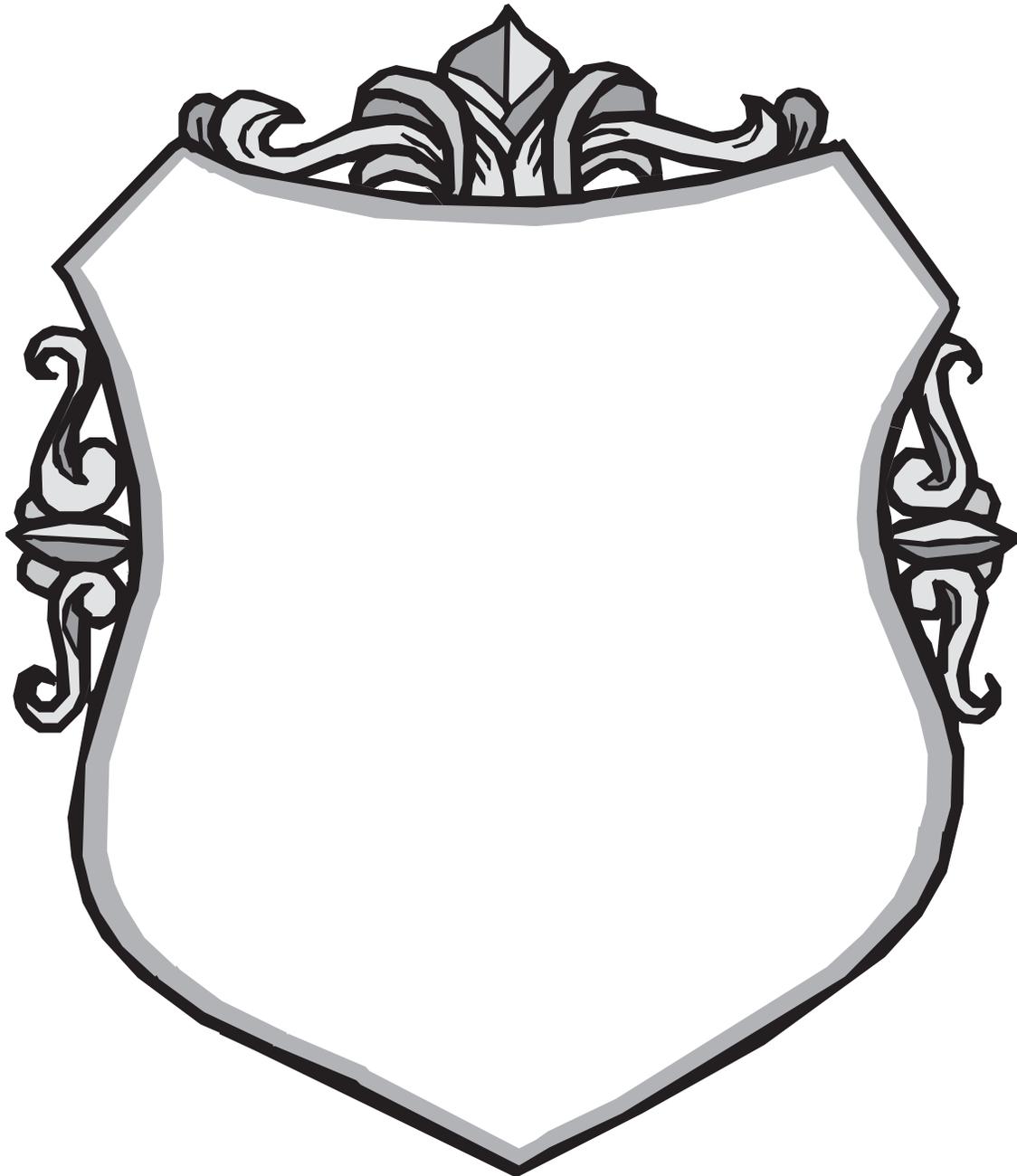
Name: _____

The Threefold Ministry of the Permanent Deacon

Deacons, “. . . strengthened by sacramental grace, in communion with the bishop and the presbyterium, . . . serve the people of God in the *diaconia* of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity.”

Pontificalis Romani, Apostolic Constitution of Pope Paul VI, 1968

In the space below, create a coat of arms for permanent deacons that includes visual representation of the three dimensions of their ministry.



Name: _____

Mary—Our Model For . . .

Our ultimate vocation is to enjoy eternal life with God. Jesus' death and resurrection foretells and promises us such life—life to the full. Think about how Mary is your model for attaining this grand life with God. Look up and read each gospel passage. Write the letter of the passage that goes with one of the principles listed below. Then, use the writing lines to tell how Mary is a model for each principle. Finally, answer the questions that follow.

Principles

___ Trusting in God

___ Identifying with the Poor

___ Making a Difference

___ Being Joyful

___ Committing Ourselves to Others

___ Dying and Rising

Gospel Passages

(A) Luke 1:53

(D) Luke 1:38

(B) Luke 1:47

(E) John 19:25

(C) Matthew 5:3

(F) Luke 1:45

Questions

- How might Mary help you be open to the future with hope and courage?

- How might your efforts to live out your ultimate vocation now help others on their life journeys?