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Marriage and Holy Orders

Directed Reading Guide

Unit 2 Called to Holiness through Marriage

Chapter 6: Transitions, Challenges, and Rewards of Marriage and Family Life

Directions: Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

Twists and Turns

Read pages 166-168.

1. What is the secret to a happy married and family life?
2. True/False? In twenty-first century American culture, the challenges of married life include external threats of individualism and an anti-life mentality.
3. Specific graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony include tenderness, _____, respect, fidelity, and _____ to others.

Marriage Is a Lifelong Commitment

Read pages 168-174.

1. The Church *Code of Canon Law* describes the effects of marriage as:
 - a. From a valid marriage arises a _____ between the spouses that by its very nature is _____ and exclusive
 - b. Furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are _____ and consecrated for their duties and dignity of their state by a special sacrament.
2. What does it mean to say that the Christian marriage bond is perpetual?
3. True/False? Roughly 40-43% of Catholics who have been married have been divorced.
4. What does fidelity refer to in marriage?
5. To remain emotionally charged, a couple must make a commitment to do things like:
 - a. Make each other feel _____
 - b. Listen to each other's _____
 - c. Do things to make the other _____
 - d. Appreciate the other's _____
 - e. Appreciate their shared past and look forward to the _____
6. What are external factors that affect married life?