

What marriage Means to Catholics

Marriage

...is a sacrament that a woman and a man give to each other and they then become the living sign of the union of Christ and the Church,

...is a natural institution that has served the needs of society by procreating and educating their children, our new citizens,

...is the domestic church where the great gift of the faith is passed on from generation to generation,

...is a blessing of mutual love and intimacy between a man and a woman,

...is a healthy, safe and very successful setting for the long years of development and formation needed by children to become mature, contributing adults,

...is the key institution that ensures the continuation of the human race and the prosperity of a nation,

...is a wholesome healthy model for relationships that we should hold up to our children and grandchildren as an example,

...is an encouragement to individuals to be aware of their place in the mainstream of humanity, their heredity and their self-worth,

...is an institution that has endured and given stability to people for millennia in spite of disasters, wars, plagues and the interference of secular rulers,

...is a contributor to the meaning of life, care for others, glimpses of immortality and a perspective beyond the self,

...is a vocation for a man and a woman, not just a relationship, involving self-giving, a path to sanctity and the responsibility of dedicated parenthood.

A well-ordered society supports and enhances marriage between a man and a woman and gives it a privileged position for the sake of future generations.

