

Religious Studies 35: Unit 3 Study Sheet

- Sacraments are celebrations, signs instituted by Christ, to give grace.
- Original sin – Adam and Eve’s fall from grace
- The creation story tells us that we are fundamentally good.
- By nature, humans are social and spiritual.
- Our dignity as human persons is rooted in our creation in the image and likeness of God.
- Conditions for a truly and human sacramental love:
 - Freedom
 - Fidelity
 - Permanence
 - Fruitfulness
- Seven stages of marriage:
 - Stage 1: Beginnings
 - Stage 2: Romantic Love
 - Stage 3: Power struggle
 - Stage 4: Stability
 - Stage 5: Recommitment
 - Stage 6: Fruitfulness
 - Stage 7: Growing old together
- A valid and sacramental marriage is permanent and for life. An annulment is when a diocesan marriage tribunal determines that a marriage is in fact invalid.
- Consent – to agree to something. In marriage, it is an agreement to a lifelong, exclusive partnership with the spouse, and acceptance of the marriage vows.
- Catholics who are divorced and remarry outside of the Church are not permitted to receive the Eucharist.
- In sexual intercourse, our bodies say I fully give myself to you. Outside of marriage, this is basically dishonest.
- According to the Catholic Church, sexual intercourse within a valid marriage has two purposes: unitive (uniting a husband and wife in marriage) and procreative (being open to new life).
- Nurturing love includes belief that:
 - All people are our brothers and sisters
 - We should treat people the way we would want to be treated
 - We first need to nurture ourselves
- Since the Council of Trent in 1563, the Church has considered marriage to be a sacrament.
- In the sacramental marriage the priest represents the Church community, the husband and wife administer the sacrament to one another.
- Our human and spiritual foundations are set in place within the family.
- The Marks of the Church, which have been applied to the Domestic Church, or family, are:
 - One
 - Holy
 - Catholic
 - Apostolic
- The primary educators of the faith are the parents.
- Natural Family Planning is considered the morally acceptable choice for married Catholics who want to plan their families.