How Does Marriage Serve the Church?

Read each statement carefully. Then add five statements of your own. On a scale of 1 to 15, with 1 being the most important, rank the statements by writing the numbers in the left-hand column.

Marriage serves the Church as a model of Christian love through spouses’ . . .

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|  | giving a positive example of a willingness to work through the rough moments honestly and openly. |
|  | showing trust in God and in each other when new situations and challenges arise. |
|  | showing appreciation for each other’s diverse gifts and interests. |
|  | making Christ the focus of the relationship by participating in the Eucharist. |
|  | treating each other as equal adults and trusting in each other’s goodness. |
|  | modeling an unselfish openness to new life. |
|  | generously sharing the goods of the earth, not using marriage for the “accumulation of wealth.” |
|  | listening to each other’s stories just as Christians listen to the Word of God in Scripture, trusting that God reveals Himself through us. |
|  | making time for working together as a couple in volunteer efforts for charity and justice. |
|  | never allowing one to dominate over the other, but rather working together in full harmony and cooperation. |
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Why did you choose your first two choices as the most important?