Vocations: Answering God's Call

Why Sacramental Marriage?

Discuss each question with your group. Then record your own personal response to each question.

1. Do you think that you would like to get married someday? Why or why not?

2. We live in a consumer or "product" culture in which people tend to think of getting a certain satisfaction from whatever things or services they acquire. What effect do you think this attitude has on modern marriages?

3. For most people a good and important aspect of marriage is sharing sexual intimacy as an expression of love. How do you think our society's very casual attitude toward sex affects people's ability to commit themselves to one other person for life?

4. What can you do to model an understanding of the sacredness of our human bodies?



5. Describe several ideas, values, or people you consider to be sacred. Using as precise a description as you can, explain what makes the idea, value, or person sacred.

6. Thinking of all the relationships in your life right now, which one would you consider the most sacred? How might this understanding of sacred relationships help you in the future to enter into Marriage as a sacred relationship?

7. Describe what you would consider to be an ideal marriage. You may refer to actual married people you know or to a hypothetical case.

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8. Why is it significant for a man and a woman to enter into a sacramental Marriage covenant rather than simply a civil union?

9. The Sacrament of Marriage is a special vocation that potentially brings new life into the world and touches many lives in positive ways. Does the idea of entering into a special covenant relationship with a spiritual mission make the Sacrament of Marriage more desirable for you? Explain.

10. Perhaps you feel called to the single life rather than Marriage. What value does a mature understanding of Marriage have for a single person?

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