

# Final Performance Task Options for Unit 4

## Important Information for All Three Options

The following are the main ideas you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content:

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage begins during childhood socialization and formation in faith.
- The Christian virtue of chastity is essential to both single and married states of life.
- Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage take on the responsibility of understanding that Marriage is a public and permanent sacramental sign that must be entered with free, mature, and full consent.
- Under ordinary circumstances Catholics are encouraged to exchange wedding vows in the context of a Nuptial Mass.

## Option 1: An Interview and Report

Arrange to interview a married couple that you admire, preferably a couple married in the Catholic Church. Use the handout "Interviewing a Married Couple" (Document #: TX002806) as a basis for your interview. You are not limited to the questions on the handout, which concern preparation for Marriage and married life. After you have completed your interview with the married couple, you will write a three- to four-page report that addresses the following:

- how this couple prepared for Marriage
- what they are doing now to continue a happy marriage
- some of the key understandings for unit 4

## Option 2: A PowerPoint Presentation

Create a PowerPoint presentation, with accompanying typed notes (or print a copy of your PowerPoint with notes), that focuses on the requirements of, and expectations for, those who enter Catholic Marriage. For information, consult your student book as well as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, numbers 1601–1666. Explain the following points in your presentation:

- Why is chastity essential before and during marriage?
- Why is it important to marriage for you to develop your social skills?
- Why is Pre-Cana required?
- Who confers the Sacrament of Marriage on the spouses? (Why must a priest or deacon be present as a witness?)
- What is required of a Catholic if she or he is marrying a non-Catholic Christian or a non-baptized person?
- Why is a Catholic wedding always celebrated in a church?
- What is the essential sacramental meaning of Marriage in the Church?



- What are the promises regarding children that a Catholic makes before marriage?
- What does it mean to say that there is no Catholic divorce?

Your instructor may invite you to present to the class. Make arrangements to turn in both your PowerPoint presentation and notes electronically as well.

## Option 3: A Pamphlet

Create a pamphlet that outlines the process of preparing for Marriage in a Catholic parish. The particular church may be your own, or it may be a hypothetical church. Include brief descriptions of the following in your pamphlet:

- proximate preparation
- the Pre-Cana process (include legal documents and other matters)
- the wedding
- married life within the Catholic Church after the wedding

For information consult the student book as well as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, numbers 1601–1666, and include all the essential understandings for unit 4 in your final product.

