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Unit 5 Vocabulary

Terms for Mastery

**annulment** The declaration by the Church that a marriage is null and void, that is, it never existed as a sacramental union. Catholics who divorce must have the marriage annulled by the Church to be free to marry once again in the Church.

**Holy Orders, Sacrament of** The sacrament by which baptized men are ordained for permanent ministry in the Church as bishops, priests, or deacons.

**indissoluble** Indicates that a valid marriage is permanent and so cannot be dissolved.

**Matrimony, Sacrament of** A lifelong covenant, modeled on that between Christ and the Church, in which a baptized man and a baptized woman make an exclusive and permanent commitment to faithfully love each other and to cooperate in the procreation and education of children.

**unity** Marriage unites the husband and wife in an unbreakable and exclusive union.

Terms Previously Mastered or for General Knowledge

**bishop** One who has received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and is a successor to the Apostles.

**deacon** Along with bishops and priests, one of the three Holy Orders conferred by the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are entrusted with various ministries, including baptizing, preaching, and witnessing marriages.

**divorce** The dissolving of the marriage bond, which differs from annulment—which is a declaration that a valid marriage bond never existed.

**priest** One who has received the ministerial priesthood through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The priest serves the community of faith by representing and assisting the bishop in teaching, governing, and presiding over the community’s worship.

**procreation** To beget or bring forth offspring.