

# Celebrating Marriage

Listen carefully as the prayers used in the rite of the Sacrament of Matrimony are read in class. After each prayer is read, complete the statement(s) for that prayer on this handout.

## Part 1: Sentence Completion

### Opening Prayer

A Christian marriage symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_

### Rite of Marriage

The couple comes together in the Church so that

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The priest questions the couple about

\_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration of Intent

The couple consents to

\_\_\_\_\_

### Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The wedding rings are a sign of

\_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer over the Gifts

God's love and providence has \_\_\_\_\_

### Preface



The grace of the Sacrament unites man and woman in

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The chaste love of husband and wife brings together

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## Nuptial Blessing

Through creation God teaches us that

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We pray that the wife may be given the grace of

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We pray that the husband may

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We pray that together the husband and wife

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## Part 2: Short Reflection

Please complete the following reflection question in six to eight sentences: How do the words in the rite of the Sacrament of Matrimony convey the sacredness of the marriage commitment?

