

MARRIAGE: GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE SUSTAINS YOU

Husbands and wives need each other. God made them female and male out of love, for love. The love between a husband and wife comes from God.

MARRIAGE IN SCRIPTURE AND CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Scripture

God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27)

And the Lord God said, it is not right for that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper. (Genesis 2:18)

Yahweh God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. And the man said, "This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh! She is to be called Woman because she was taken from Man. This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife and they become one flesh. (Genesis 2: 22-24)

He who finds a wife finds happiness, receiving a mark of favour from Yahweh. (Proverbs 18:22)

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female, 'and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh' "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19: 3-6)

Husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who lives his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of His body. (Ephesians 5: 28-30)

You see, the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through the brother. If this were not so, your children would be unclean, whereas in fact they are holy. (1 Corinthians 7:14)

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled... (Hebrews 13:4)

In the same way, husbands must always treat their wives with consideration in their life together, respecting a woman as one who, though she may be the weaker partner, is equally an heir to the generous gift of life. (1 Peter 3:7)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Faith is a personal act – the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. (166)

The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the Creator. (1603)