



# 'From This Day Forward ... Until Death'

*A Matrimony quiz*

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check answers against the answer key on page 3.

**1** Jesus' first public miracle was performed at a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jewish wine festival b) birthday party c) funeral d) wedding

**2** The exchange of vows, called the "giving of \_\_\_\_\_," is when the sacrament of Matrimony actually occurs.

- a) consent b) flowers c) rings d) wedding cake

**3** A divorced Catholic cannot remarry unless his or her first marriage was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) performed in a foreign country b) celebrated before 1990 c) annulled d) forgotten

**4** Every Catholic marriage must include \_\_\_\_\_ as a witness for the Church.

- a) an altar server b) an ordained minister c) a canonized saint d) an organist

**5** The first married couple was Adam and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Veronica b) Mary Magdalene c) Sarah d) Eve

**6** If either the bride or groom does not give their consent, the marriage is still valid.

True | False

**7** The \_\_\_\_\_ of a married couple is a reflection of the love of God.

- a) property b) health c) finances d) love

**8** Marriage as an institution comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the couple b) the government c) God d) the culture

**9** The Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ invites the couple to become a symbol of

Christ's love for his bride, the Church.

- a) Matrimony b) Baptism c) Penance  
d) Anointing of the Sick

**10** The Bible concludes with a marriage, the wedding feast of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mary and Joseph b) the first believers  
c) Cana d) the Lamb

**11** The Sacrament of Matrimony must be celebrated during a Mass. True | False

**12** Saint \_\_\_\_\_ is the patron saint of married people.

- a) Joseph b) Tietheknot c) Katharine Drexel  
d) Michael

**13** In the Roman Catholic Church, the \_\_\_\_\_

celebrates the sacrament.

- a) deacon b) priest c) couple  
d) parents

**14** During the wedding at Cana, Jesus changed the water into \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mountain Dew b) anointing oil  
c) lemonade d) wine

**15** It is possible for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic in a valid Catholic wedding.

True | False

**16** "Husbands, love your \_\_\_\_\_, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

- a) wives b) children c) parents  
d) favorite football team

**17** A Catholic marriage includes an openness to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) going to more weddings b) having children  
c) sharing a cell phone d) in-laws

**18** A good reason to get married is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) that God has called you to share your life with your future spouse  
b) fear c) to escape a bad home d) to have financial security

**19** A Catholic cannot be forced to get married by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) his or her parents b) becoming pregnant  
c) the culture d) these or any reason

**20** Jesus never married. True | False

## Kids' quiz *The Bride and Groom*

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This quiz can help your students review their knowledge about our Catholic faith. Check answers with the answer key on page 3.

**1** The Sacrament of Matrimony is for people who are getting \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a lot of money b) in trouble  
c) married d) old and sick

**2** Jesus was invited to the wedding at \_\_\_\_\_ (see John 2:1-12).

- a) Cana b) the White House  
c) Peter's house d) Jerusalem

**3** Matrimony is a sacrament because \_\_\_\_\_ is the center of every marriage.

- a) baptizing babies b) tradition  
c) God d) great pictures in a church

**4** Getting married is the same as dating or living together.

True | False

**5** At their wedding, couples make vows to God and each other to stay together in "sickness and health, for richer or poorer, till \_\_\_\_\_."

- a) love fades away b) Easter c) the first fight  
d) death

**6** Matrimony is a sacrament directed toward the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

- a) baptism b) service c) impressing  
d) copying

**7** "What \_\_\_\_\_ has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:9).

a) God b) a wedding c) luck d) a great love song

**8** Catholic couples celebrate their marriage ceremonies \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) on a beach b) in a church c) at home  
d) anywhere they want

**9** Catholic marriages are permanent and exclusive.

True | False

**10** A sacramental Catholic marriage ceremony often is celebrated during a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mass b) Super Bowl c) fancy party  
d) vacation



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## ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

1. **d)** When the couple ran out of wine at the wedding at Cana, Mary asked Jesus to help. He turned water into wine (John 2:1-12).
2. **a)** "The consent consists in a 'human act by which the partners mutually give themselves to each other': 'I take you to be my wife' — 'I take you to be my husband'" (CCC, 1627).
3. **c)** An annulment is the church's official recognition that the first marriage was never valid because it did not meet the criteria of a Catholic marriage.
4. **b)** "The priest (or deacon) who assists at the celebration of a marriage receives the consent of the spouses in the name of the Church and gives the blessing of the Church" (CCC, 1630).
5. **d)** From the beginning, God created a man and a woman to come together, share a life, become one flesh and bring children into the world (see Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1-2).
6. **False.** "The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that 'makes the marriage.' If consent is lacking there is no marriage" (CCC, 1626).
7. **d)** "For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man" (CCC, 1604).
8. **c)** "God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution" (CCC, 1603).
9. **a)** Just as Christ, in the Eucharist and on the cross, gives himself away for his bride, so too are spouses called to lay down their lives for one another.
10. **d)** Jesus, the Lamb of God, will marry his bride, the Church, when he returns at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9).
11. **False.** Weddings should be celebrated in the context of Mass (see CCC, 1621), but under special circumstances, the marriage

- rite can be performed outside of a Mass (for instance, if the bride or groom is not Catholic).
12. **a)** St. Joseph became engaged to Mary and stood by her side even after she revealed to him that she was pregnant with Jesus.
  13. **c)** The priest or deacon serves as the Church's official witness, but it is actually the bride and groom who are the main celebrants of the Sacrament of Matrimony (see CCC, 1623).
  14. **d)** All of Jesus' miracles show what the Kingdom of God is like; and how Jesus is God. Changing water into wine points to the celebration banquet that is always going on in heaven.
  15. **True.** A Catholic can marry a non-Catholic or even an unbaptized non-Christian with special permission and an understanding that the Catholic party will not abandon their Catholic faith and the children will be raised Catholic (see CCC, 1633-1635).
  16. **a)** Catholic spouses are called to follow Christ's example in how they love each other: faithfully, permanently, and marked by total self-sacrifice for the other.
  17. **b)** Because God's first commandment was to "be fruitful and multiply," Catholic marriage means being open to the children that could come from the shared love of the couple.
  18. **a)** Marriage is never an escape from bad circumstances such as poverty, an unplanned pregnancy, or a bad home. A person must decide to marry freely for the purposes of sharing a life together and being open to having children.
  19. **d)** For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, a person getting married cannot be coerced. Consent has to be given freely and with full knowledge of the commitment being entered into.
  20. **True.** Although many people are called to the married state of life, the single life is equally holy and allows a person to serve others as Jesus did as a single person (see CCC, 1618-1620).

## Kids' Quiz

1. **c)** Marriage in the Catholic community is between a man and woman whom God has brought together for the purpose of faithfully loving each another and beginning a family.
2. **a)** Like today, weddings were common in Jesus' time and included a religious ceremony to ask God's blessings on the couple, followed by a party.
3. **c)** God is the source of the couple's love for one another; God brings them together, provides them with the strength to face the challenges of married life, and blesses them with children.
4. **False.** Dating or living together do not include a formal exchange of vows, a public ceremony, or a sacrament to consecrate the lifelong commitment of the couple. Dating and living together are not permanent arrangements.
5. **d)** The exchange of vows is called "the act of consent" by the Church. It is by this consent that the couple gives themselves to each other completely until death no matter what the future brings, good or bad (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1625-1629).
6. **b)** Matrimony, along with Holy Orders, is one of the two sacraments of vocation. These sacraments of service sanctify how people will serve God and others — single or married, dedicated to the Church or to a family.
7. **a)** Even though divorce existed in Jesus' time, he said that God intended for married couples to stay together. Catholic teaching today follows Jesus' words (see Mark 10:2-9).
8. **b)** The Sacrament of Matrimony is about more than a couple who is in love. Marriage in the Church reminds couples of God's covenant to us and what it means for the Catholic community to live as disciples (see CCC, 1630-1631).
9. **True.** For Catholics, marriage means no affairs, side relationships, or divorce (see CCC, 1638-40).
10. **a)** Most often, Catholic weddings should happen within a Mass because "in the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united himself for ever to the Church, his beloved bride for whom he gave himself up" (CCC, 1621).