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Love & Marriage

Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009. As a sign of Christ's living presence in the world, marriage is special blessing to our communities. This statement recaptures and

further explores the blessing of marriage as a public commitment between a man and woman. It emphasizes the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage, the relationship between the two aspects, and the sacramental nature of marriage. There is also a deep and thorough discussion of the contemporary challenges to marriage in today's world and how the Church addresses those challenges.

101 Questions and Answers on Catholic Married Life (Book) Johnston, Catherine A., Paulist Press, 2006. Examines marriage as lived in the context of the Catholic community, which supports the couple spiritually, emotionally, and in many other ways. This book can facilitate communication between a married couple and among married couples. It draws on the experiences and research with married couples to examine: marriage as a domestic church, the reality of marriage, the support of our Catholic spiritual heritage available to married couples.

The Seven Levels of Intimacy (Audio CD) Kelly, Matthew, Fireside, 2005. Matthew Kelly teaches us in practical and unforgettable ways how to know these things about ourselves and how to share ourselves more deeply with the people we love. This resource will change the way you approach your relationships forever.

The Love that Satisfies: Reflections on Eros & Agape (Book) West, Christopher Ascension Press, 2007. Offers compelling insights into Pope Benedict's profound teaching on human and divine love. The Love That Satisfies is for all—whether married, single, or religious—who are seeking the face of true love in a wounded world.

A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family (Book) Rubio, Julie Hanlon, Paulist Press, 2003. A well-informed, engaging theological discussion of the ways Christian husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children can live out their vocations in changing times.

Chrism Day Event

St Edward Church

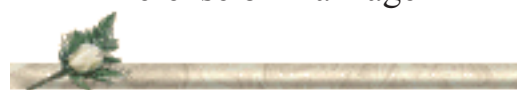
March 25th, 2010

1:00pm-4:30pm

Hope For the Culture: The Blessing of Marriage

Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz

Archbishop of Louisville, KY and USCCB
chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the
Defense of Marriage



The Sacrament of Matrimony: Past, Present, Future (DVD) Chesto, Kathleen O., Twenty Third Publications, 2004. This informative presentation is recommended for adult study groups, RCIA teams, and parish leaders. Dr. Kathleen Chesto leads the viewer through the development and history of the sacrament of marriage starting with Old Testament times to post-Vatican II. Guide material and the presentation itself offer adults a better understanding of the importance of the sacraments in today's church and world.

For Better, For Worse, For God: Exploring the Holy Mystery of Marriage (Book) Pedersen, Mary Jo, Loyola Press, 2008. Guides couples through a marriage "check-up" that combines the latest social science research on healthy marriage and the wisdom of the Christian tradition. Practical steps are offered for couples to take to enrich their marriage, such as better communication, conflict resolution, an approach to praying together, and experiencing spirituality as a couple.

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Our Catholic Wedding (VHS) Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. What are the choices you have in making your Catholic wedding truly yours and truly Catholic? What can the opening procession be? The vows and rings? The music and songs? On this video you will see how a bride and groom, family and friends make the liturgy a celebration, the high point of the wedding day.

Marriage: It's a God Thing (Book) Roberts, William P., St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2007. This book can help a couple achieve a deeper intimacy with one another and God by understanding the importance of their relationship and responding to its challenges with prayer, honesty, and introspection.



For more information, tools, and resources regarding Marriage, visit the USCCB website

For Your Marriage

You will find the latest news, blogs, seasonal topics, helpful tips and book reviews all concerning the sacrament of Marriage.

New Movies

Clare and Francis (1 videodisc, 200 min.) Ignatius Press, 2008. Filmed on location in Italy where the actual saints lived, this epic feature film, with the cooperation of the Franciscan Order, is lavish in its production, done with historical accuracy, and places special emphasis on the role of Clare.

Love is a Choice: The Life of St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1 videodisc, 52 min.) Salt + Light Television Productions, 2005. Documentary of the life of St. Gianna Beretta Molla with excerpts of the Canonization ceremony on May 16, 2004. Includes interviews with Pietro Molla and their children.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven (1 videodisc, 133 min.) Hallmark Home Entertainment, 2004. Eddie, an amusement park maintenance man and war veteran, ends up in Heaven after an accident takes his life. There he meets five people from his past: the Blue Man, the Captain, Marguerite, Ruby, and Tala. Each shows him how he impacted their life or they his--and not always for the better. Through them Eddie understands the meaning of his own life even as his arrival brings closure to theirs.

Following Jesus Through the Church Year: An 8-Part Liturgical Experience for Children and Adults (1 videodisc, 74 min.), Twenty-Third Publications, 2005. Intense search for the Jesus of History celebrated as the Christ of Mystery. Krispin is a detective who has been assigned to find Jesus. He makes his way through the liturgical year looking for clues but learns in the end that Jesus was present all along. A great introduction to the church seasons.

New Books

Go and Do Likewise: Catholic Social Teaching in Action Crosthwaite, Mia, Twenty-Third Publications, 2006. In clear, concise language, the author discusses each of the principles of the Church's social teaching and then offers a wide range of creative ways to live them: in five minutes, ten minutes, and twenty minutes a day. An excellent resource for both individuals and groups, for peace and justice committees, for RCIA teams, catechists, teachers, and parish ministers.

Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots Hahn, Scott Doubleday, 2009. Provides a guide to the biblical doctrines and historical traditions that form the basis of forty Catholic beliefs and practices, covering topics such as the Sacraments, guardian angels, and the celebration of Easter and Christmas.

The Mass: A Guided Tour Richstatter, Thomas, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2009. Father Thomas Richstatter uses simple, easy-to-understand language to explore and explain the Mass. The result is a guide to what the Mass means to our Catholic faith and how its different elements--the Introductory and Concluding Rites and Liturgies of the Word and the Eucharist--invite us to experience that faith more deeply and express it more fully.

Pope Benedict XVI : An Introduction to his Theological Vision Rausch, Thomas P., Paulist Press, 2009. A study of the theological vision of Pope Benedict XVI, with special attention to his view of Scripture as well as his Christology, ecclesiology, and liturgical theology.