

# HOLY ORDERS & MATRIMONY



- Through marriage and the holy orders, couples and the clergy promise to serve and build up the church community.
- In Matrimony, a baptized man and woman are united with each other as a sign of the unity between Jesus and his Church.
- Matrimony requires the consent of the couple, as expressed in the marriage vows.
- The couple and their wedding rings are the signs of this sacrament.



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- The Sacrament of Holy Orders is for those who choose to become a priest, bishop or deacon. Through ordination, they are able to perform sacred duties and serve the church community.
- Deacons assist in teaching, preaching, celebrating the liturgy, and caring for those in need. Every priest is first a deacon, and some men are called to be permanent deacons.
- A priest is committed to being a leader in proclaiming God's word, a mediator through Sacraments, & a servant of the Church.
- Bishops are successors to the apostles and are responsible for shepherding the people in a diocese, teaching, sanctifying, & governing them.
- The signs of this sacrament are the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by the bishop.

