

Marriage and Family

The family as based on marriage between a man and a woman is the single most important institution in any society.



Sexual orientation

- For marriage, sex identity is valued and appreciated by oneself and the other.
- Some have their sexual orientation toward same sex people. Why? Nature or nurture?
- Nature : this is determined by biological factors.
- Nurture : this is from the environment : parenting style, relationship in family, etc.

Points to consider for marriage

- Choosing well : It is your choice to marry someone or the other.
 - Accepting oneself and the partner as he/she is
 - Value compatibility
 - The courage to pursue a girl
 - Being the right person

Marriage Focus

- The gift you made to the partner
 - Real love, Do what is good for the partner
 - Your free will and deliberate choice beyond sexual attraction, and the feeling of closeness
- Pre-marital sex is discouraged.
- Understanding each other through language
 - “men language” – solve problem
 - “girl language” – express feeling
- The union of two families

Pope Francis stated that

“We must affirm the right of children to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child’s development and emotional maturity.”



What is marriage?

- It is not simply romantic love or sexual attraction.
- The union of man and woman, not man and man
- They **complement** each other and **make commitment** that they will love each other for whatever comes.
- They grow in a new way and bring forth a new life – a baby.
- The relationship is fruitful, then creates the well-being of the family and the society.

Characteristics of marriage

- The biological fact that a man and a woman can join together in a union that is oriented to the **generation of a new life**.
- The continuation of human race and the development of human society.
- The union partnership of life and love.

In marriage

- The couple promise love and fidelity to each other for the rest of their lives. This is the commitment to love each other for whatever comes.
- They express this commitment and faith to each other so married love provide stable and nurturing environment to children.
- Children learn to be a member in the family and society.

Same sex marriage is not accepted in the religion.

- The Bible says marriage is between a man and a woman (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-25; Mal. 2:15; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9) and that homosexual practice is sin (Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10; Jude 7), but a sin from which we can be washed clean (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
- The same-sex marriage can be done under civil law which is not a gift of a man and a woman in a relationship . They are not a husband and a wife and they cannot procreate a child through the sexual act which express married love.
- As the church says marriage is lasting “**until death do us apart**”, a couple is not allowed to go for divorce.

Why the Church do not accept same-sex marriage

- They are unable to continue human race by nature. They cannot procreate children through sexual act from married love.
- It cannot be between husband (man) and wife (woman).
- A same-sex marriage cannot provide the best loving, stable, and nurturing environment for children to grow and thrive in.

However, this marriage is now accepted in some countries due to a civil right reason.