Matrimony and Holy Orders

GRADE 7

CHAPTER 24 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 24**.*

The call to love and serve God and his Church in a particular way is called a vocation.

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All people, regardless of their age or state of life, have a vocation to holiness. The Holy Spirit guides us in discerning our vocation.

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Jesus raised the marriage covenant to the level of a sacrament, Holy Matrimony. The essential part of the sacrament is the exchange of vows.

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The Church celebrates marriage as something holy. The man and woman act as ministers of the sacrament to each other.

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Christian marriage is founded on the sacredness of human life and the family. The couple's faithfulness, or fidelity, is symbolized by the rings they give each other.

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The love of a husband and wife is a sign of Jesus' love for and union with the Church.

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By the grace of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, husbands and wives continue to grow in love for each other and the children God sends them.

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Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, men become deacons, priests, or bishops forever.

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A deacon is ordained to perform tasks of service for the Church. His primary responsibility is for caring for those in need.

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Priests are ordained to the ministerial priesthood and serve in the name and person of Christ. The greatest responsibility of a priest is to preside at the Eucharist.

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A bishop shepherds the people in a diocese, teaching, sanctifying, and governing them. He ordains deacons, priests, and other bishops.

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People consecrated to religious life make vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience.

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