

12H: COMMITMENT AND MINISTRY

By the end of this topic, students will:

1. Describe the nature of Christian vocation and its relationship with Baptism.
2. Consider a variety of ministries which can be termed Christian vocations
3. Describe the nature of Christian marriage.
4. Explain the significance of the sacrament of Matrimony
5. Explain the importance of adequate preparation for marriage
6. Discuss the single state as a vocation and as a call to holiness and service
7. Discuss religious life as a particular charism within the Church and its relationship with Baptism
8. Describe the nature of priesthood
9. Explain the significance of the sacrament of Holy Orders

By the end of this topics, students will:

LESSON ONE: THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

1. Discuss the nature of Christian vocation as it relates to the call to holiness
2. Describe a range of lay ministries in the Church and the world

LESSON TWO: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE (I)

1. Make connections between the way in which a person relates to others and the potential pattern of their relationships within marriage
2. Define the meaning of commitment in terms of relationships
3. Discuss the concept of commitment in relation to a process of constant decision-making

LESSON THREE: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE (II)

1. Discuss marriage in terms of its place as one of several life-style choices
2. Outline the requirements of a marriage commitment and their significance for married partners
3. Outline a typical Catholic Marriage Preparation course
4. List the benefits of such a course for those preparing for marriage

LESSON FOUR: LOVE AND MARRIAGE

1. Outline the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage for individual, couple and the wider Church
2. Discuss the concept of marriage as a 'school of love'
3. Explain the importance placed by the Catholic Church on sexual intimacy within marriage
4. Outline the qualities of marriage from a Catholic perspective including: permanence, fidelity, fruitfulness, intimacy, sacramentality

LESSON FIVE: THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

1. Discuss the sacramental nature of marriage
2. Outline the Rite of Marriage
3. Explain the significance of the life-time commitment of marriage
4. Distinguish between divorce and annulment

LESSON SIX: THE VOCATION OF THE SINGLE LIFE

1. Discuss the vocational features of the single life.
2. Identify various opportunities within and problems associated with the single life

LESSON SEVEN: RELIGIOUS LIFE (I)

1. Discuss religious life in terms of its being a gift for the church
2. Outline the historical background and development of religious life in the Church
3. Outline the Scriptural basis for religious life

LESSON EIGHT: RELIGIOUS LIFE (II)

1. Identify the essential elements of the religious life
2. Explain the significance of the religious life as witness to the Christian community
3. Describe a range of modern religious lifestyles and apostolates

LESSON NINE: PRIESTHOOD (I)

Describe the nature of priesthood in terms of the call to preach the Gospel, community leadership in worship and ministering to the needs of God's people

LESSON TEN: PRIESTHOOD (II)

1. Outline the Rite of Ordination
2. Explain the place of priesthood within the Church