

# Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

## Sacraments

### Session 5 – Make Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Original Class: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.*

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## **Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 1**

The word "vocation" has different meanings and associations for different people. What comes to mind when you hear the word vocation? How do you see or define vocation in your life? What steps do you embrace to deepen your sense of vocation in your everyday living among family, friends and your faith community?

Write about a paragraph.

## Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 2

With reference to *Understanding the Sacraments Today* pp. 94-101

- (a) When did the Christian community begin to recognize the sacramental character of marriage between two Christians?
- (b) When did the Church unambiguously name marriage as one of the seven sacraments?
- (c) What historical developments led the Church to become more intimately involved in the rites and rituals by which a marriage is effected?
- (d) What is the significance of the Church turning to the category of covenant (rather than contract) when attempting to discuss the nature and meaning of the sacrament of marriage?

## Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 3

With reference to CCC 1621-1642

- (a) In the Latin rite, who administers the Sacrament of Marriage?
- (b) What is the essential element of the Sacrament of Marriage? What characteristics must it have and must it lack in order to be valid?
- (c) What is the technical meaning of the term “mixed marriage”? What is the technical meaning of the term “disparity of cult marriage”?
- (d) What is the grace proper to the Sacrament of Matrimony? What is the source of that grace?

## Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 4

With reference to CCC 1643-1666 and *Understanding the Sacraments Today* pp. 101-106

- (a) What three characteristics must mark the unity created by the matrimonial covenant? Why is each one essential?
- (b) What is an “annulment”? Does an annulment terminate a valid, sacramental and consummated marriage?
- (c) What is the status in the Church of those who have been civilly divorced but have not remarried? Of those who have remarried in a ceremony outside of the Church?
- (d) In what sense is marriage a vocation within the Church?

## Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 5

With reference to CCC 1539-1589

- (a) What are the 3 orders into which the Sacrament of Holy Orders places men who receive the Sacrament?
- (b) How is the priesthood of the New Covenant related to that of the Old?
- (c) Which of the three orders entail a share in the ministerial priesthood? How is the ministerial priesthood distinct from the common priesthood of all the baptized?
- (d) What are some of the implications of the claim that the Sacrament of Holy Orders confers an indelible spiritual character?

## Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 6

With reference to *Understanding the Sacraments Today* pp. 113-130

- (a) What does the word “order” mean in the context of the Sacrament of Holy Orders?
- (b) What is meant by the claim that ordination is not a personal possession? To what does ordination link someone?
- (c) What ritual actions in the celebration of an ordination make manifest the fact that the person being ordained has entered in a relationship with all the other members of the order to which he is ordained?
- (d) What were the “minor orders”, who suppressed them, when, and why?

## **Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 7**

How are we to understand the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders as vehicle of grace?

## **Sacraments – Lesson 5 – Worksheet 8**

Write about a paragraph answer to at least one of the following questions:

1. Much in our popular culture tells a bride (and sometimes a bride and groom) that the wedding day is “their day”. How is this at odds with the theological idea that marriage is a vocation within the Church? What pastoral activities could we undertake to help couples preparing for marriage understand that their marriage is not exclusively, or even primarily, about them? If you are married, how does this affect the way you think about and approach your own married life?
2. What concrete steps have you taken to encourage and assist people in your parish who might be discerning a call to Holy Orders? What might you commit yourself to in the future?