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Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

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Parish: www.steugenes.com
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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 3, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA & RCIF – Becker Center and School -10:30 am

MONDAY OCTOBER 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
PSR – School – 3:45 pm
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 am
Bible Study – PLC (Hope Rm) - 6:00 pm

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession - Cathedral -3:00 – 4:30 pm
Mass – Cathedral -4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION

~THIS WEEKEND~

This weekend, October 2 & 3, our Second Collection will be for our Religious Education Program. Next weekend, October 9 & 10, our Second Collection will be for our Tuition Assistance Program. As always, thank you for your generosity!

~RESPECT LIFE MONTH~

LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) proclaims October of each year as Respect Life Month. The first Sunday of October (Oct. 3, 2021) is Respect Life Sunday. Please watch for a special observance of the day, during all of the masses on October 3rd. "Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern." Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live the Gospel of life.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 09/19/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,216.
Collection Revenue Received for: Tuition Assistance Program	\$3,316.

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. To celebrate this, all of our stunning rosaries are 25% off during October only! There's a rhythm to praying the rosary, and as you enter into that rhythm, you'll begin to think less about the words and more about the meaning of the words and the meditations. The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

~ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT~

The parish annual financial report for last fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is available in the Parish Office to registered parishioners. If you would like a copy, please stop by and pick one up or you can send an email request to us at: Office@steugenes.com. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

~ADORERS NEEDED~

To sign up for an hour with Our Lord, please contact Annette Righetti at: 542-3635 (English) or Maria Vega at: 710-5094. We are in particular need of people who can commit to the following days and hours: Sunday 12-1am; Monday 12-1pm and 2-3pm, Tuesday 12-1am. For the access code to the Chapel, please go to the Parish Office and talk to Maria Sanchez.

~NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING~

Engaged and married couples: you have the opportunity to learn Natural Family Planning at your convenience! Self-paced classes are available through the Couple to Couple League. Please visit their website: www.ccli.org.

~FAREWELL TO FR. STUART~

This Sunday, October 3rd, will be Fr. Thomas Stuart's last day at the Cathedral, as he will start his new assignment at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Petaluma on October 4. We are sad to see him go but know that our loss is St. Vincent's gain! To wish him goodbye and good luck in his new assignment, we will have a small gathering after the 9:00 am Mass outside under the tented area on the east side of the church. Light refreshments will be served.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 2
5:30 am	Juana Maldonado, deceased
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living & deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi Families.
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 (Sp)	Familia Jimenez & Garcia, living & deceased
Sunday	October 3
7:30 am	Mark & Gina, living
9:00 am	Jose Maria Alvarez, living
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Marie Therese Hughes, deceased
1:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm	Thomas Flanagan, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Dennis G. Souza, deceased
Monday	October 4
6:45 am	Augustin Diaz & Eduardo Benitez, living
8:00 am	Nicola Sheridan, living
Tuesday	October 5
6:45 am	Hou & Kim Pham, living
8:00 am	Nicola Fulvia Peluso, living
5:30 pm (EF)	Michael Tran, living
Wednesday	October 6
6:45 am	For the Protection of Israel
8:00 am	Elin & Palanos Families, living & deceased
9:20 am (School)	Kitzia Leon Luna, living
Thursday	October 7
6:45 am	The Carol Family, living & deceased
8:00 am	Cyndi Miller, living
Friday	October 8
6:45 am	The People of St. Eugene's
8:00 am	J. Stanley Russell, Jr., Michael Russell, Sr. & Michael Russell, Jr., deceased
Saturday	October 9
8:00 am	Mary Tran, living
4:30 pm	George Schirle, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Leonardo Carranza & Encarnacion Huerta, deceased

~PRAYER FOR A DEPARTED LOVED ONE~

Loving and merciful God, we entrust our brother/sister to your mercy. You loved him/her greatly in this life; now that he/she is freed from all cares, give him/her happiness and peace for ever. The old order has passed away; welcome him/her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus, your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

The 72-hour Saint Joseph Summit (www.saintjosephsummit.com) virtual conference ends this Sunday, October 3. **We are happy to announce that St. Eugene's is offering a free "passport" to all who are interested in attending this Virtual Summit! Your 1-year access includes: A full year's admission to the Summit and access to all 60+ recorded presentations.** Just type this link into your search engine: https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/offers/leLwygoe?coupon_code=STEUGENE (Or go to our on-line bulletin and cut and paste the address in.) If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: support@spiritfilledevents.com

~CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH~

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering, "The Consecration to St. Joseph" via Zoom. It began on September 30th. This six - week series will be offered on Thursdays at 10:30 am and at 6:30 pm. Free books will be provided by SRDCCW. To register please contact Char at (707) 331-3126 or write to her at SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com.

~EVENING ROSARY~

Please join us in the Cathedral on Friday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m., as we pray the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We will then pray the Litany of the Saints. An ice cream social will follow in the Parish Life Center. "The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings." - *Blessed Alan de la Roche*

~OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT~

A silent Retreat is being offered at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. The retreat will run from October 7-10. The cost is \$480 for single and \$440 for double. For more information, please call: (330) 969-9900.

IN MEMORIAM

†ROBERT MOORE†

Please remember Robert Moore and his family and friends in your prayers and Masses. He passed away on 09-21-21. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marrentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich and Mary Gonzales.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

~FROM THE PASTOR~

Our first reading from the book of Genesis and our Gospel reading from Mark both focus on man and woman becoming one flesh when joined together in Holy Matrimony. We see that, in the Old Testament, Moses allowed divorce but that this was never part of God's plan. Jesus goes on to teach that whoever divorces and remarries, commits adultery in the eyes of God. This is a very hard saying, especially in our secular society where divorce is so commonplace. Many people talk about "Catholic Divorce" and imply that it is just a Catholic version of civil divorce. This is quite untrue. Let's look at what the Church teaches about marriage, annulment and divorce.

~MARRIAGE~

"Sometimes we hear people say about the Church's teaching on the family and marriage, "The Church must modernize itself", "The Church must bring itself up to date", "The Church must keep up with society." Also at this time there are movements in many different countries to redefine the family. Long before the time of Jesus the Jews had "modernized" their understanding of marriage and the family and, to use the lingo of today, they had brought themselves up to date. They had introduced divorce. The discussion at the time of Jesus about modernizing was not about introducing divorce but about how liberal their divorce laws should be. The Pharisees asked Jesus (Matt 19:3) under what circumstances it would be okay for a man to divorce his wife, "Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?" Jesus told them that divorce is not in God's plan. He reminded them of God's plan for marriage from the book of Genesis at the beginning of the Bible, "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh." Then Jesus went on to say, "They are no longer two, therefore, but one flesh. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." So at the time of Jesus, the Jews had drifted away from God's plan for marriage and the family, and Jesus

reminded them again of God's plan for the family. The Jews had modernized and brought themselves up to date and in doing so they had wandered from God's plan. Notice that they did not even know they had drifted away from God's plan for marriage and the family. Could we say the same about ourselves now?

~DIVORCE~

When Jesus pointed out how they had drifted from God's plan they had a further question. Since divorce was already in Jewish law how did it happen that divorce, which was contrary to God's plan, was already in Jewish law? Jesus replied, "It was because you were so hardhearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but it was not like this from the beginning. Now I say this to you: anyone who divorces his wife...and marries another is guilty of adultery." (Matt 19:8-9)

~GOD'S PLAN~

When I hear people say things about the Church's teaching on the family and marriage such as, "The Church must modernize itself", "The Church must bring itself up to date", "The Church must keep up with society", I cannot but remember that at Jesus' time the Jews were also discussing "modernizing" family life and Jesus told them they had wandered from God's plan. He reminded them of God's plan for the family. The mission of the Church is not to keep up with society; the mission of the Church is to do like Jesus, to remind people of God's plan. And even if 10% or 20% or 90% of people wander away from God's plan, we have compassion on them and want to help them in any way we can, but the Church cannot be unfaithful to God's plan simply to be popular. The Church teaches that those who remarry civilly without having had their first marriage annulled or those who are in any sinful relationship may not receive Holy Communion as long as they are in that situation. This is because their lifestyle is a direct contradiction to the unity signified by the Eucharist, and people would be led into error and confusion about the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage. Everyone recognizes the difficulty and cross that exists in the lives of those in irregular situations and we want to lighten that

burden in any way we can and show them compassion. For that reason a Vatican document states, "Pastors are called to help them experience the charity of Christ and the maternal closeness of the Church, receiving them with love, exhorting them to trust in God's mercy and suggesting, with prudence and respect, concrete ways of conversion and participation in the life of the community of the Church." (Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith *Reception of Holy Communion by the divorced and remarried* §2, 1994) To see more homilies, go to: Fr. Tommy Lane, www.frtommylane.com/homilies/sacraments/marriage.htm

ANNULMENTS

~ANNULMENT VS DIVORCE~

"Many people seem to misunderstand Catholic annulment. But annulment in the Catholic Church comes from the great **value** we place on marriage. Annulment upholds, rather than undercuts, the Catholic teaching on the sanctity and permanence of marriage. Here's the whole point: **Divorce** says that you were once married, but now you aren't. Divorce is a matter of civil law. **Annulment** says you were never *truly* married in the first place. Something necessary for a valid marriage was missing. Annulment is a matter of Church law.

~VALUE & PERMANENCE~

To understand Catholic annulment, you have to understand marriage. Marriage between a man & woman in the Catholic Church is a **sacrament**. It's both a *sign* of the love between Christ and his Church, and also a *participation* in that love. Really! St. Paul calls this a "great mystery" in Ephesians 5:32. Catholics believe that marriage is permanent, "till death do us part." This teaching comes from Christ, as recorded in Scripture. Our marriage vows reflect this. We promise our spouse: Fidelity, indissolubility (permanence) and openness to children. This is **not** a list of rules cooked up by the Catholic Church! It's simply a description of what marriage **is**. Real marriage, as God intended, as we feel naturally drawn to. As Jesus said, "So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." (Mt 19:6) That's why we say that the sacrament of marriage is **indissoluble**. And even Catholic annulment can't dissolve a valid marriage! Annulment simply says that a true, sacramental marriage was never created in the first place — it was never **valid**.

~ANNULMENT~

Catholic annulment means that a couple was **never married** in the sacramental sense. God did not create that unbreakable bond between them because the sacrament of marriage was not actually fulfilled. The term "annulment" is actually a little misleading. It sounds like the Church is actively canceling, or nullifying, the marriage. The proper term for Catholic annulment is "declaration of nullity": the Church declares that the marriage never was valid in the first place. This becomes clearer when we compare Catholic annulment to civil divorce. A divorce is effective as of the date of the divorce decree. Before that, the couple was still married. A declaration of nullity affects the period of time starting from the **original** date of the wedding ceremony. The couple was *never* married. Some common reasons for annulment in the Catholic Church are: At least one partner didn't fully & freely consent; someone wasn't mature enough to understand the full extent of what they were doing; there was never intent to be faithful; one or both partners did not intend to be open to children.

~WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN~

Are children considered to be illegitimate if their parents are granted an annulment? **No** — children of a marriage that's determined to be invalid by a Catholic annulment, **are** still legitimate. (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1137) When a couple marries, they assume the marriage is valid and was entered into in good faith. Children conceived under this assumption of a valid marriage, are considered to be legitimate. This fact does not change even if the marriage is later found to be not valid." For complete article to go: www.beginningcatholic.com/catholic-annulment.html

~FAMOUS QUOTE~

Every so often, I will share quotes from great saints/Catholic leaders with you as a source of inspiration and edification. I recently read an article in the National Catholic Register that the famous quote from the late Cardinal George that I shared with you a month or so ago, regarding that he expected to die in bed, his successor to die in prison and his successor to die as a martyr in the public square, had one more sentence which is often overlooked. It is one of hope: "*His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the church has done so often in human history.*" www.ncregister.com/blog/cardinal-george-the-myth-and-reality-of-ill-die-in-my-bed

MI FE CATOLICA

EL SACRAMENTO DE MATRIMONIO

~ DEL PASTOR ~

Nuestra primera lectura del libro del Génesis y nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Marcos se enfocan en que el hombre y la mujer se vuelven una sola carne cuando se unen en el Santo Matrimonio. Vemos que, en el Antiguo Testamento, Moisés permitió el divorcio pero que esto nunca fue parte del plan de Dios. Jesús continúa enseñando que quien se divorcia y se vuelve a casar, comete adulterio a los ojos de Dios. Este es un dicho muy difícil, especialmente en nuestra sociedad secular donde el divorcio es tan común. Mucha gente habla del "divorcio católico" e insinúa que es solo una versión católica del divorcio civil. Esto es bastante falso. Veamos lo que enseña la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio, la anulación y el divorcio.

~ MATRIMONIO ~

"A veces escuchamos a la gente decir acerca de la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la familia y el matrimonio: "La Iglesia debe modernizarse", "La Iglesia debe actualizarse", "La Iglesia debe mantenerse al día con la sociedad". También en este momento hay movimientos en muchos países diferentes para redefinir la familia. Mucho antes de la época de Jesús, los judíos habían "modernizado" su comprensión del matrimonio y la familia y, para usar la jerga actual, se habían actualizado. Habían introducido el divorcio. La discusión en la época de Jesús sobre la modernización no se trataba de introducir el divorcio, sino de cuán liberales debían ser sus leyes de divorcio. Los fariseos le preguntaron a Jesús (Mateo 19: 3) bajo qué circunstancias estaría bien que un hombre se divorciara de su esposa: "¿Es contra la ley que un hombre se divorcie de su esposa con cualquier pretexto?" Jesús les dijo que el divorcio no está en el plan de Dios. Les recordó el plan de Dios para el matrimonio del libro de Génesis al comienzo de la Biblia, "Por eso un hombre deja a su padre y a su madre y se apega a su esposa, y los dos se vuelven una sola carne". Entonces Jesús continuó diciendo: "Por tanto, ya no son dos, sino una sola carne. Entonces, lo que Dios ha unido, el hombre no debe dividirlo".

Entonces, en la época de Jesús, los judíos se habían alejado del plan de Dios para el matrimonio y la familia, y Jesús les recordó nuevamente el plan de Dios para la familia. Los judíos se habían modernizado y actualizado y, al hacerlo, se habían desviado del plan de Dios. Observe que ni siquiera sabían que se habían apartado del plan de Dios para el matrimonio y la familia. ¿Podríamos decir lo mismo de nosotros ahora?

~ DIVORCIO ~

Cuando Jesús señaló cómo se habían desviado del plan de Dios, tuvieron una pregunta más. Dado que el divorcio ya estaba en la ley judía, ¿cómo sucedió ese divorcio, que era contrario al plan de Dios? ya estaba en la ley judía? Jesús respondió: "Fue porque tenías un corazón tan duro que Moisés te permitió divorciarte de tus esposas, pero no fue así desde el principio. Ahora les digo esto: cualquiera que se divorcie de su esposa ... y se case con otra, es culpable de adulterio". (Mateo 19: 8-9)

~ EL PLAN DE DIOS ~

Cuando escucho a la gente decir cosas sobre la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la familia y el matrimonio como, "La Iglesia debe modernizarse", "La Iglesia debe actualizarse", "La Iglesia debe mantenerse al día con la sociedad", no puedo dejar de recordar que en la época de Jesús los judíos también estaban discutiendo la "modernización" de la vida familiar y Jesús les dijo que se habían desviado del plan de Dios. Les recordó el plan de Dios para la familia. La misión de la Iglesia no es mantenerse al día con la sociedad; la misión de la Iglesia es hacer como Jesús, recordarle a la gente el plan de Dios. E incluso si el 10%, el 20% o el 90% de las personas se alejan según el plan de Dios, tenemos compasión de ellos y queremos ayudarlos en todo lo que podamos, pero la Iglesia no puede ser infiel al plan de Dios simplemente para ser popular. La Iglesia enseña que aquellos que se vuelven a casar civilmente sin haber tenido su primer matrimonio anulado o aquellos que están en una relación pecaminosa no pueden recibir la Sagrada Comunión mientras se encuentren en esa situación. Esto se debe a que su estilo de vida es una contradicción directa con la unidad que significa la Eucaristía, y la gente se verá inducida al error y la confusión sobre la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la indisolubilidad del matrimonio. Todos reconocen la

dificultad y cruz que existe en la vida de quienes se encuentran en situaciones irregulares y queremos aliviar esa carga de cualquier manera que podamos y mostrarles compasión. Por eso, un documento del Vaticano dice: "Los pastores están llamados a ayudarlos a experimentar la caridad de Cristo y la cercanía materna de la Iglesia, recibéndolos con amor, exhortándolos a confiar en la misericordia de Dios y sugiriendo, con prudencia y respeto, caminos concretos de conversión y participación en la vida de la comunidad de la Iglesia". (Congregación de la Doctrina de la Fe Recepción de la Sagrada Comunión por los divorciados vueltos a casar §2, 1994) Para ver más homilias, visite: Fr. Tommy Lane, www.frtommylane.com/homilies/sacraments/marriage.htm

ANULAMIENTOS

~ ANULACIÓN VS DIVORCIO ~

"Mucha gente parece malinterpretar la anulación católica. Pero la anulación en la Iglesia Católica proviene del gran valor que le damos al matrimonio. La anulación defiende, en lugar de socavar, la enseñanza católica sobre la santidad y permanencia del matrimonio. Aquí está todo el punto: **Divorcio** dice que una vez estuvo casado, pero ahora no lo está. El divorcio es una cuestión de derecho civil. **Anulación** dice que, en primer lugar, nunca estuvo realmente casado. Faltaba algo necesario para un matrimonio válido. La anulación es una cuestión de derecho de la Iglesia.

~ VALOR Y PERMANENCIA ~

Para entender la anulación católica, tienes que entender el matrimonio. El matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer en la Iglesia Católica es un sacramento. Es a la vez un signo del amor entre Cristo y su Iglesia, y también una participación en ese amor. ¡En realidad! San Pablo llama a esto un "gran misterio" en Efesios 5:32. Los católicos creen que el matrimonio es permanente, "hasta que la muerte nos separe". Esta enseñanza proviene de Cristo, como se registra en las Escrituras. Nuestros votos matrimoniales reflejan esto. Prometemos a nuestro cónyuge: Fidelidad, indisolubilidad (permanencia) y apertura a los hijos. ¡Esta no es una lista de reglas elaboradas por la Iglesia Católica! Es simplemente una descripción de lo que es el matrimonio. El matrimonio real, como Dios quiso, como nos sentimos atraídos naturalmente. Como dijo Jesús: "Así que ya no son dos, sino una sola carne. Por tanto, lo que Dios juntó, no lo separe el hombre". (Mt 19: 6) Por eso decimos que el sacramento del matrimonio es indisoluble.

¡E incluso la anulación católica no puede disolver un matrimonio válido! La anulación simplemente dice que un verdadero matrimonio sacramental nunca se creó en primer lugar, nunca fue válido.

~ ANULACIÓN ~

La anulación católica significa que una pareja nunca se casó en el sentido sacramental. Dios no creó ese vínculo inquebrantable entre ellos porque el sacramento del matrimonio no se cumplió realmente. El término "anulación" es en realidad un poco engañoso. Parece que la Iglesia está cancelando o anulando activamente el matrimonio. El término apropiado para la anulación católica es "declaración de nulidad": la Iglesia declara que el matrimonio nunca fue válido en primer lugar. Esto se vuelve más claro cuando comparamos la anulación católica con el divorcio civil. Un divorcio es efectivo a partir de la fecha de la sentencia de divorcio. Antes de eso, la pareja todavía estaba casada. Una declaración de nulidad afecta el período de tiempo a partir de la fecha original de la ceremonia nupcial. La pareja nunca se casó.

~ RAZONES COMUNES ~

Algunas razones comunes para la anulación en la Iglesia Católica son: Al menos uno de los socios no dio su consentimiento total y libre; alguien no era lo suficientemente maduro para comprender el alcance total de lo que estaba haciendo; nunca hubo la intención de ser fiel; uno o ambos socios no tenían la intención de estar abiertos a los niños.

~ QUE HAY DE LOS NIÑOS ~

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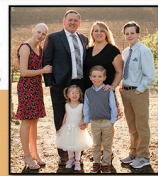
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