

SECTION 13 †

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Opening Prayer

*O God of love, time and time again,
your love for all people is likened to a marriage covenant.
So greatly exalted is this divine institution that
he Church celebrates it as one of the seven Sacraments.
Send us your Spirit of understanding as we talk about marriage
as a Sacrament and what that means for us in our daily lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
and in the power of your Spirit.
Amen.*



*So they are no longer two, but one. No human being
must separate, then, what God has joined together.*

Matthew 19:6

*Dearly Beloved, you have come together into the house of the Church, so that in
the presence of the Church's minister and the community your intention to enter
into Marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with a sacred seal. Christ
abundantly blesses the love that binds you. Through a special Sacrament, he
enriches and strengthens those he has already consecrated by Holy Baptism, that
they may be faithful to each other for ever and assume all responsibilities of
married life.*

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony