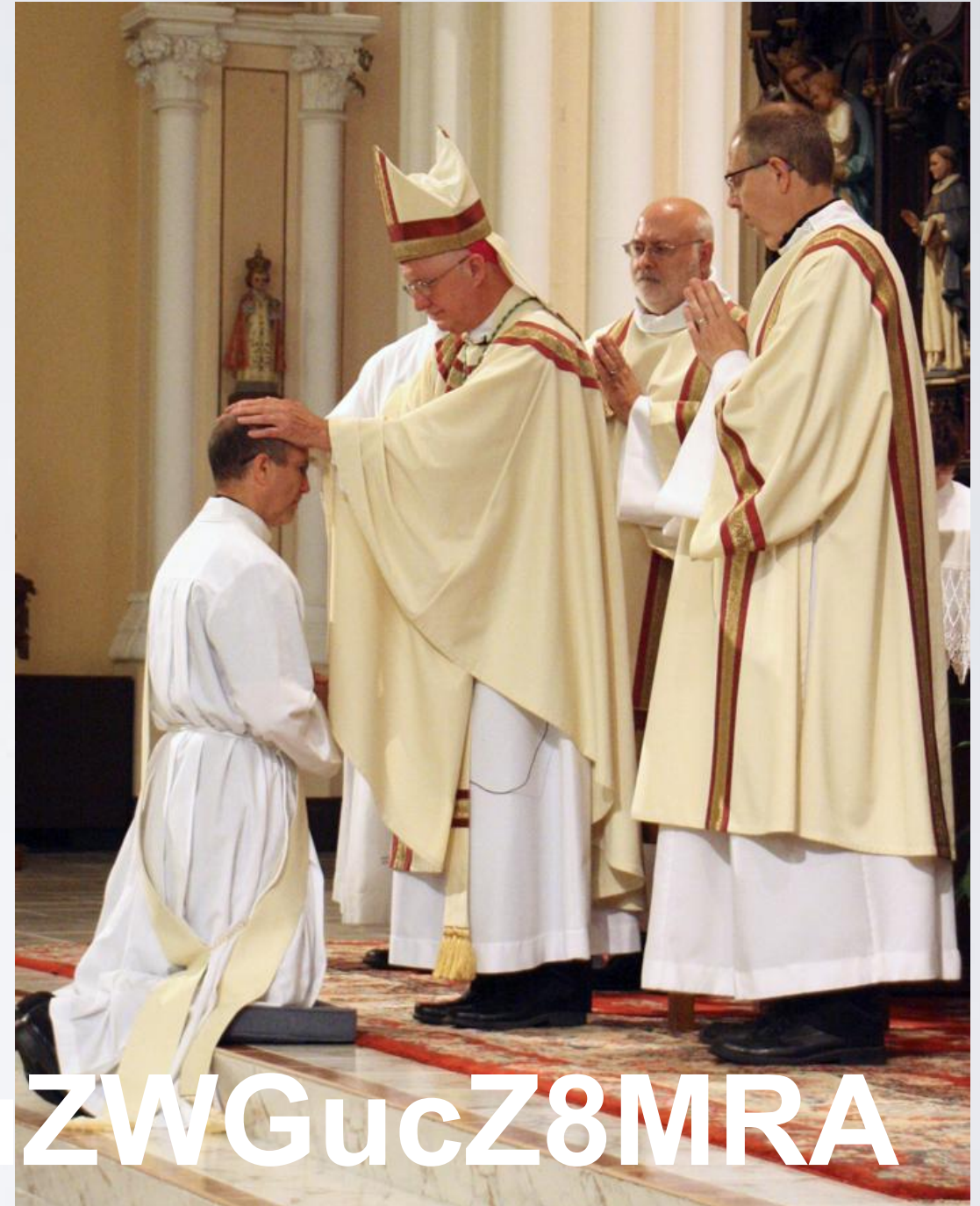
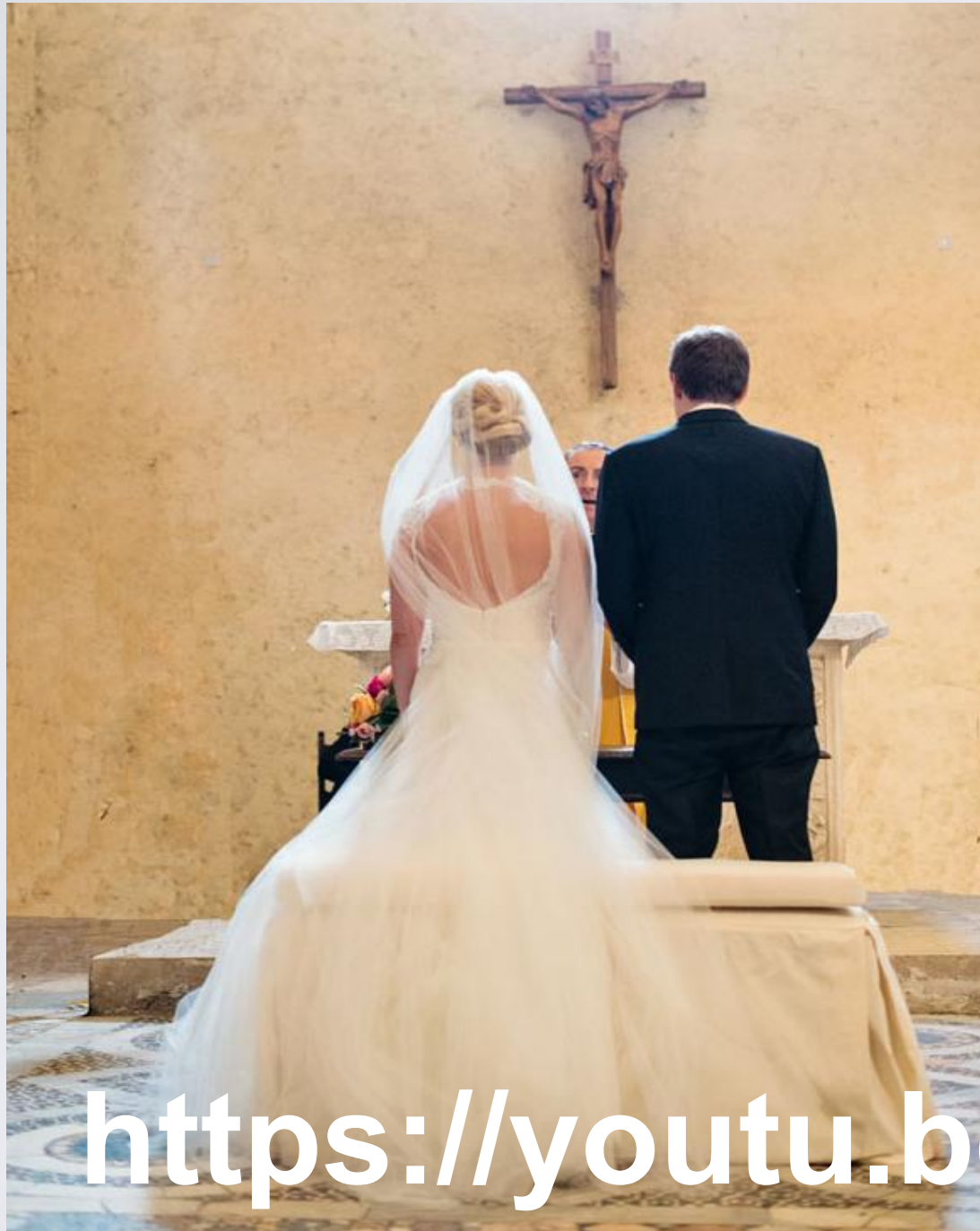


Sacraments of Vocation



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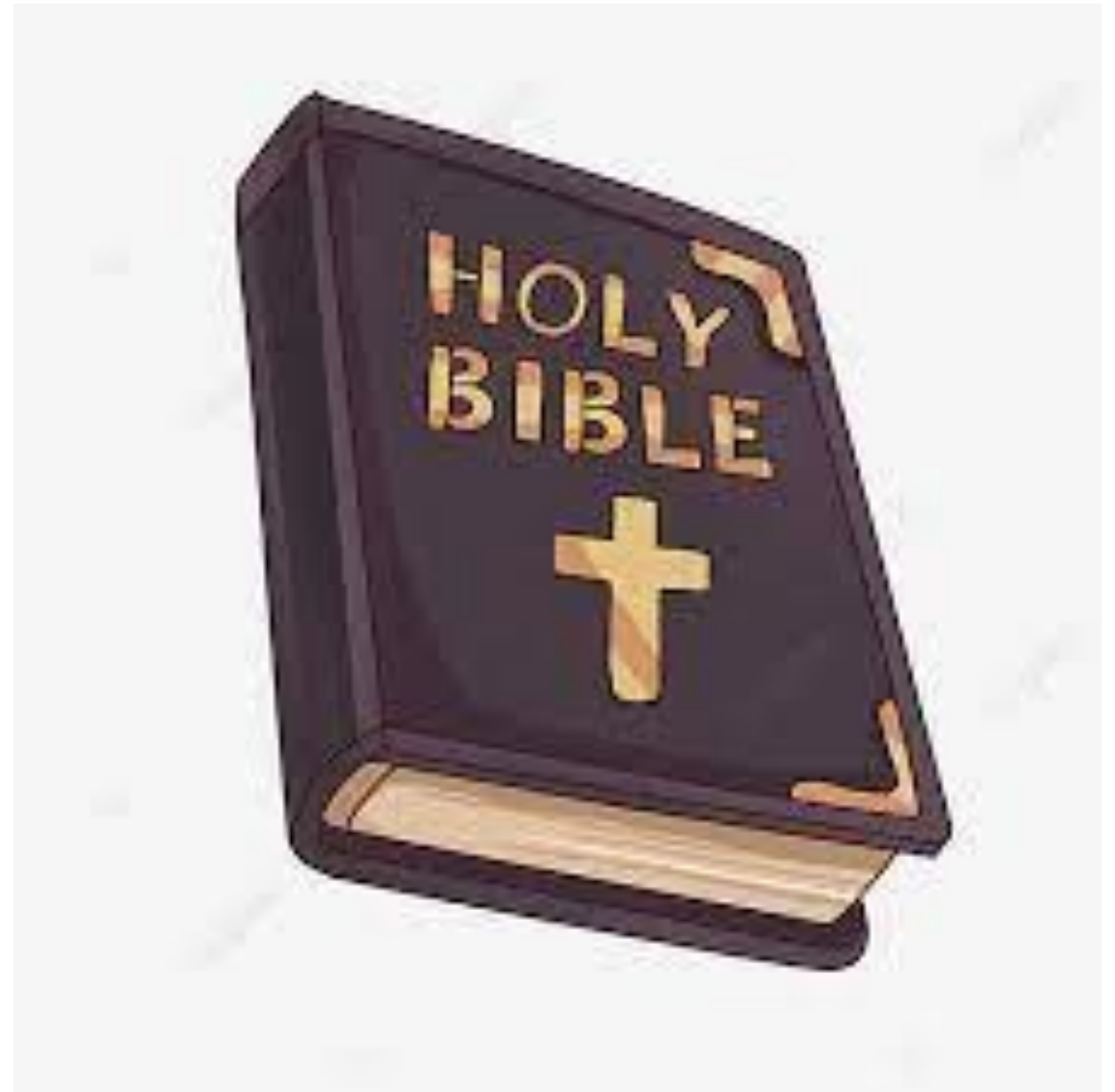


What's the difference between a sacramental and a civil marriage?



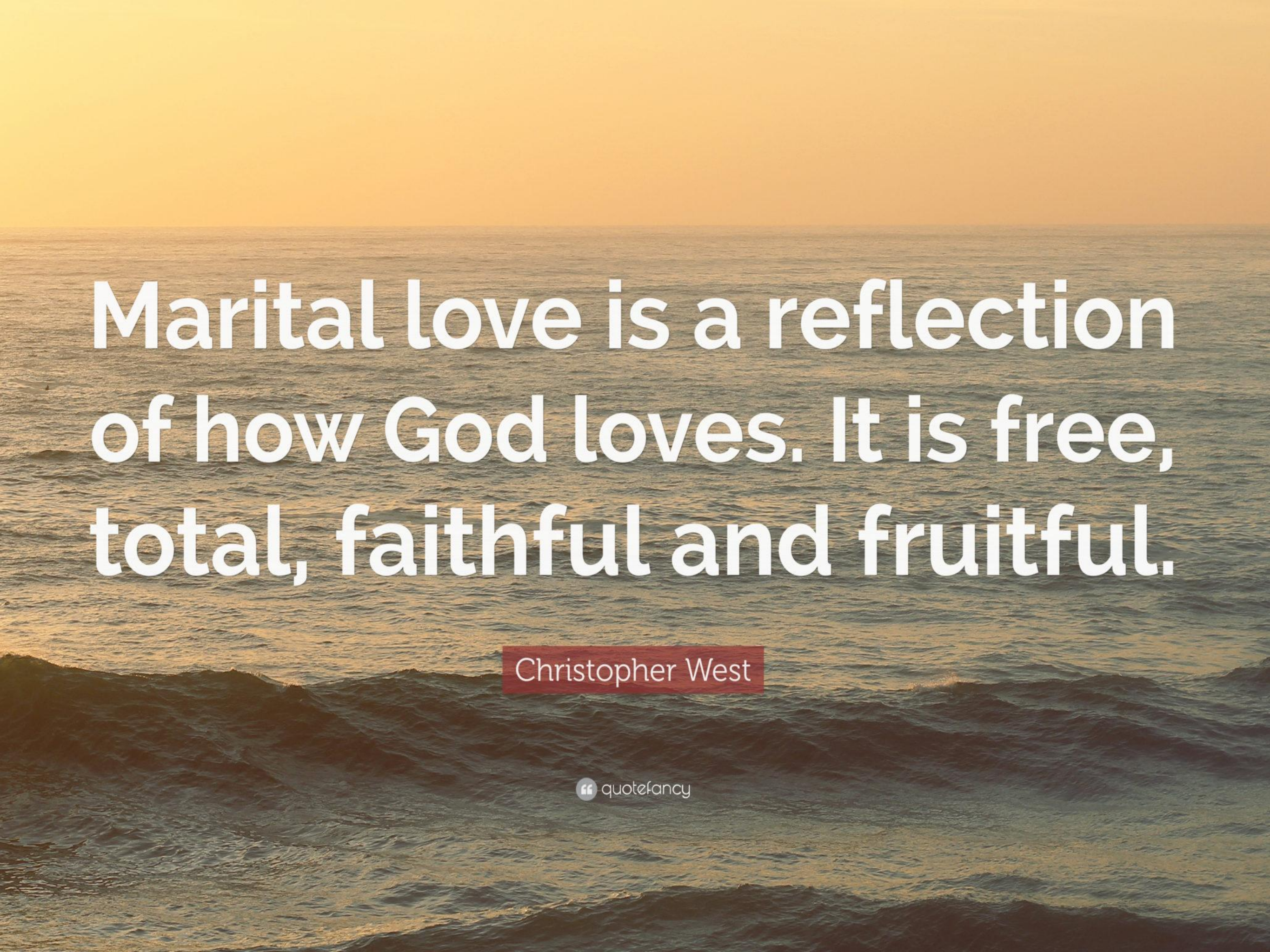
Scriptural Foundation

- Genesis 2:18-24 It's not good for man to be alone – two become one
- Matthew 19:4-6 What God joins together...





COVENANT

A serene sunset scene over a vast ocean. The sky is a warm, golden-orange color, transitioning into a darker blue at the horizon. The ocean surface is textured with small waves, and in the foreground, larger, darker waves are visible, their crests catching the low light of the setting sun. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Marital love is a reflection
of how God loves. It is free,
total, faithful and fruitful.

Christopher West

Holy Matrimony: 3 Great Truths



**The minister of the
sacrament is not
ordained**



**Not just a union of
two**

Holy Matrimony: 3 Great Truths



The primary sign of God's unconditional love
for his children

Small Groups:

Which truth about marriage is most impressive to you? Why?

#1 A union of three

#2 The couple are the ministers

#3 Couples faithful in living the sacrament are a sign of God's love for us

What's the group consensus?



Holy Matrimony Sacramental Rite





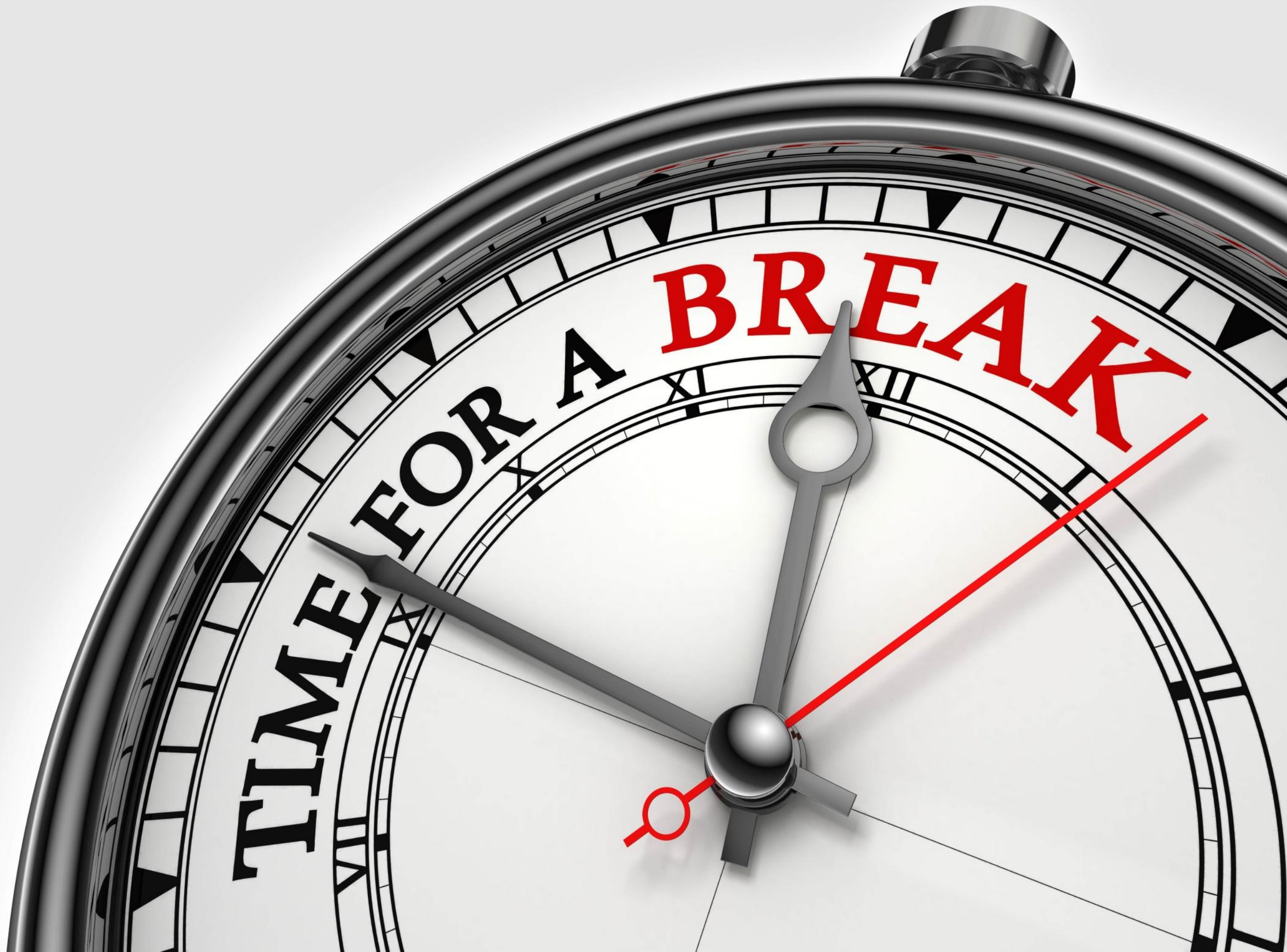
Marriage Preparation

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Adult Faith Formation



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Important Calendar Dates

- Morning of Reflection: December 6, 8 AM to noon
- Rite of Entrance: December 7, 11:00 AM Mass
- 1st Dismissal: December 7, 11:00 AM Mass

It's Time...
Sponsors!



To be a Disciple means to serve

- Many Meals Ministry needs new warm socks, small toiletries, and new or gently used hoodies & Jackets
- Thanksgiving food baskets: contact Jerry Deal
foodbaskets@ola-vta.org or 805-642-7977 x164



DISCIPLESHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Orders



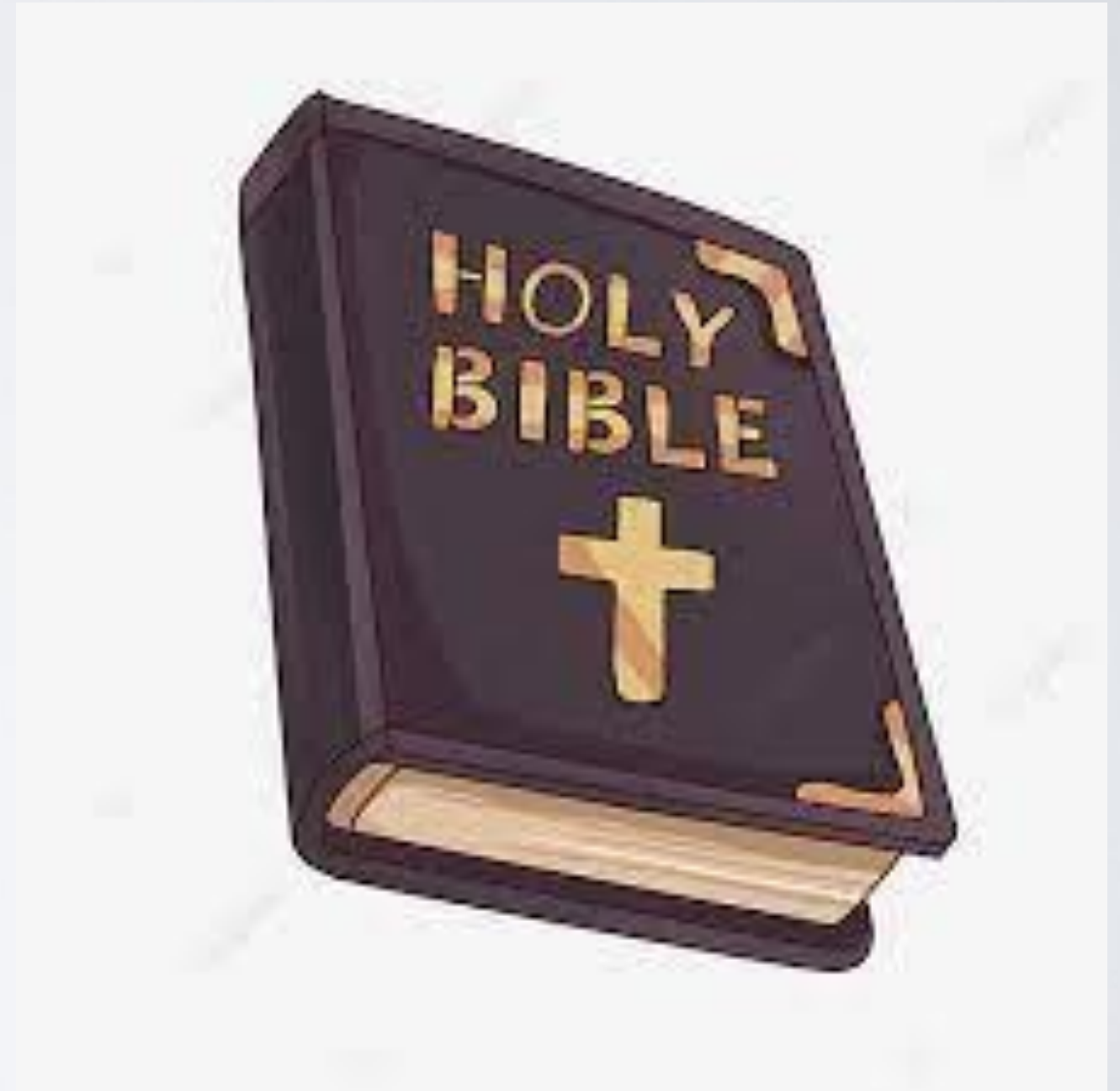
Small Groups:

#1 What do you know about the Catholic priesthood?

#2 Why even have clergy in the Church?

Scriptural Foundation

- Luke 22:19 Sacrament of Eucharist
- John 20: 1-23 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Matthew 28:18-20 Preach the Gospel
- 2 Timothy 1:6 Sacrament of Holy Orders



SACRAMENTS
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HOLY ORDERS

what ordination means

Holy Orders

Ordination of a Deacon

- Candidate vested in Alb
- Receives Stole & Dalmatic
- Receives Book of Gospels
- Vows: Celibacy (if single), Obedience
- Imposition of Hands
- Litany of Saints

Prayer (Form): “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”

Holy Orders

Ordination of a Deacon



Holy Orders

Ordination of a Priest



Holy Orders

Ordination of a Priest

- Begins vested in alb and deacon stole
- Receives priest stole & chasuble
- Hands are anointed
- Receives chalice & paten
- Litany of Saints

Prayer (form): “Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s cross.”

Bishop Slawomir Szkredka

Auxiliary Bishop – Santa Barbara Region



Holy Orders

Ordination of a Bishop

- Vested in alb, stole, chasuble and pectoral cross
- Apostolic letter from pope is read
- Gospel held over his head by a deacon
- Head is anointed
- Receives the Gospel Book, ring, miter, & crozier
- Litany of Saints

Prayers (form): Book: “Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with unfailing patience and sound teaching.”

Ring: “Take this ring, the seal of your fidelity. With faith and love protect the bride of God, his holy Church.”

Crozier: “Take this staff as a sign of your pastoral office; keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God.”

Baptismal Call to be Priest, Prophet, King



“As Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

Group Discussion

1. How can I exercise my Baptismal call to be priest, prophet, and ruler in my own life?

Two Priesthoods

1. Different ways of participating in Christ's one priesthood
2. Two priesthoods working together

the body of christ



1 Corinthians 12:12-25

And the Single Life?

