The Bible begins with the story of a union between a man and a woman: Gen 2:23-24

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of man this one has been taken.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.”

The Bible ends with wedding imagery: Rev 19:7, or 22:17

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

Jesus begins his public ministry at a wedding feast: John 2:1-3, 5,11

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”... His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”... Jesus did this (turned water into wine) as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.”

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Left: Wasseralfingen, Germany - May 05, 2014: Adam and Eve, stained glass window at Evangelical Church in Wasseralfingen, Germany
Above: Holy Spirit
Right: Saint-Adresse, France - August 15, 2019: Stained Glass in the Chapel of Notre-Dame-des-flots (1857) in Sainte Adresse, Le Havre, France, depicting Jesus transforming water into wine at the Marriage at Cana
Marriage
A SACRAMENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Catholic Church wants us to see that God created marriage to show us an example of how HE LOVES US!

Gen 1:27:

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Something we can see:

God created men and women to join together as one and love one another so much that their love “bears fruit” and takes the form of a child.

Something we can’t see:

God revealed the image of the holy trinity to be three persons constantly loving one another so much in a continuous cycle.

That helps us to get through life:

We know that sometimes our families can be hurting, or life can become very difficult. However, we can ask God for the help we need to love one another each and every day, especially when it gets hard. God can send us His grace and help in the Sacraments anytime we ask Him and this will help us love as He wants us to, as He created us to love.

FUN FACT

The Catholic Church is called the Bride of Christ. What does this mean?

Answer: The people of the Catholic Church through the ages love Jesus so much that they never stop spreading His word and message of hope throughout the whole world. Jesus also loves people so much that He sacrificed His life for them and continues to be with His people through the Mass and in many other ways throughout the whole world. The Church keeps Jesus at the heart and center. Jesus will do anything to reveal His love for His people each and every day. This is another way we can see how God created marriage to reveal His constant love.
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Something we can see:
Draw a picture of a mother, father and child.

Something we can’t see:
Draw a picture of a God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

That helps us to get through life:
Write how a family is like the Trinity.
Wedding Ring
SYMBOL OF NEVER ENDING LOVE

There are many very symbolic parts to the wedding ceremony; however, one of the oldest traditions is the exchange of wedding rings. The ring is a symbol of never-ending love and is meant to be worn on the "ring finger." Thousands of years ago, people believed that there was a blood vessel that ran straight from the ring finger to the heart. There are many cool facts that can be discovered about the wedding rings at this site: thecatholicspirit.com/commentary/hotdish/the-wedding-rings. There are also many Sacred Art paintings showing Mary and Joseph exchanging wedding rings.

Image source
There are two Sacraments of Service – Matrimony and Holy Orders. These Sacraments are also called Vocations which is another way of saying that it is a way God might call us to serve the Church and the world.

What are some things you can do right now at any age to prepare for your future vocation?

Search for these words.
Bible  Learn
Church  Love
Friends  Mass
Good  Patience
Hope  Pray
Kind  Sacrifice
Did you know that you can pray for your future vocation even now! Whatever path the Lord may lead you to, you can pray that God will protect your heart and guide you.

vianneyvocations.com
– prayer taken from this website

CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

I glorify You, God in all that I do.
In mind, body, and spirit
I give my best to you.

Help me to follow your will
No matter the call:
Sister, brother, or priest,
I promise my all.

If you call me to marriage,
I promise to love,
And to teach my own children
To seek grace from above.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.