



Marriage: Unique for a Reason

As Catholics we see marriage as both the foundation block of society and as Sacrament. Instituted by God, the union of man and woman stands as a prophetic symbol of Christ's union with his bride, the Church. This Christian dignity explains why the Church has from earliest times vindicated marriage's essential goodness and sacred character against any attempt to reduce it to a mere legal contract. Yet, there are many who attack this sacred union demanding that it open its embrace to any form of relationship and that it drop any reference to its fundamental properties of unity and indissolubility or its call to openness to the gift of life. As believers we are called to defend this noble and holy institution. One way to do this is to learn what the Church teaches about this important Sacrament. Check out the new document issued by the Ad hoc Committee of the USCCB for the defense of marriage, entitled: ***"Marriage, Unique for a Reason"***. It can be found on the USCCB website at <http://www.usccb.org/marriageuniqueforareason/index.shtml>.