

The Vocation of Marriage

"The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly."

- *Saint John XXIII*

On the
Domestic
Church

On Imitating
God

"When a husband and wife are united in marriage they no longer seem like something earthly, but rather like the image of God himself."

- *Saint John Chrysostom*

"Marriage is to help married people sanctify themselves and others. For this reason they receive a special grace in the sacrament which Jesus instituted. Those who are called to the married state will, with the grace of God, find within their state everything they need to be holy."

- *Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

On the
Graces of
Marriage

On Fulfilling
God's Will

"O my God, since I am unworthy to be Thy Spouse, like my dear sister, I shall enter the married state to fulfill Thy Holy Will, and I beseech Thee to make me the mother of many children, and to grant that all of them may be dedicated to Thee."

- *Saint Zélie Martin*

"Have no concern for money. Love your wife more than you love your own life. Never be at odds, but be true. Prefer her company at home above being out. Esteem and admire her publicly, and advise her patiently. Pray together, go to church, and discuss the readings and prayers. If your marriage is like this, your perfection will rival the holiest of monks."

- *Saint John Chrysostom*

On
Devotion
to Your
Spouse