



## 1A: "Marriage: What's the Point?"

An Evening of Adult Catechesis or Marriage Prep with the DVD

This is a suggestion for using the 29-minute *Vocation to Love* DVD on marriage in adult-education settings. Please see the supplementary items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 for facilitator and participant outlines of the DVD; suggested small-group questions and responses; participant take-home materials; and an evaluation form.

### Suggested Schedule for a 60-Minute Presentation

5 minutes: Introduction and opening questions

- Introduce yourself
- Start with a prayer (suggestion: Daily Marriage Prayer)
- Explain: Tonight we are going to spend some time coming to a deeper understanding of the vocation to marriage. What is the point of marriage? What is it for?
- Hand out outline of DVD (#3)
- Introduce DVD: You are going to see some couples in this DVD, and their experiences might be different from your own. Ask yourself: am I seeing anything new? Anything helpful?

30 minutes: Show DVD

15 minutes: Small-group sharing (see item #4)

5 minutes: Share conclusions of the small groups with everyone

5 minutes: Facilitator wrap-up

- Acknowledge: We have heard a lot of good things tonight.
- Summarize: **The point of marriage is to bring about new life, both physically and spiritually.** Those of us given the vocation to marriage are called to become holy through our marriages. We can't do this on our own! We need God's grace, which is why marriage between baptized Christians is a **sacrament**. When God is at the center of our marriages, great things happen. One is able to give of oneself totally to one's spouse and to welcome the gift of children. We are able to raise those children well and be a good example of married life to them.
- Conclude: Thank everyone; hand out take-home materials and evaluation; closing prayer

### Check-list for facilitators

- Reserve room and arrange for TV, DVD player, chairs, and beverages
- Publicize event through bulletin announcements and flyers
- Review DVD and materials before event
- Photocopy outline of DVD for participants (item #3), take-home materials (item #5 and maybe items from #6), and evaluations (item #7)
- Arrive 30 minutes early to plug in coffee maker, arrange chairs, and set up