

Sacraments of Service

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 19**.

The Sacrament of Matrimony and the Sacrament of Holy Orders call Catholics to holiness. Both sacraments prepare people to serve the community.

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In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a man and a woman receive the grace to love each other as Christ loves the Church.

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In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a man and a woman make a solemn agreement to be partners for life, to help each other grow closer to God, and to teach their children how to lead Christian lives.

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In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, men are ordained bishops, priests, and deacons.

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Bishops and priests are called to serve as teachers, leaders in worship, and pastors. Deacons assist bishops and priests in ministry.

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God calls all of us to serve the Church by sharing our gifts with others. People respond to this call by remaining single, by joining a religious community, or by celebrating the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

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As members of the Church, we are called to love one another.

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Jesus told his disciples how important it is to remain close to him when he said, "I am the vine, you are the branches."

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To help the sisters in her convent express their faith, Hildegard of Bingen composed songs about God's beauty in creation and about Mary and the saints.

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