

## **The homily on Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B**

The Church teaches us that Marriage is a sacrament of salvation that is based on the relationship between God and the Church in Christ. The family founded on marriage, which is the union between a man and a woman. Today, the Christian marriage faces problems of special urgency that need to be solved. Married love becomes profaned by excessive self-love, the worship of pleasure and illicit practices against our family life. The Church is resolved to do everything necessary to safeguard the family, because the family is the most basic cell of society and the Church.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees about divorce, he quoted the passage from Genesis, and said: "What God has joined together, man must not separate... I say to you, whoever divorces his wife... and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery" (Mark 10:9-10). We can understand from the passage, Jesus teaches us that the union of husband and wife is a lifelong union, which ends only with death. According to the teaching of Christ, the Catechism makes it clear that marriage must be a permanent state on earth. Even though, the indissolubility of marriage is often rejected in today's world, Christians must be examples and witnesses to the world about the true meaning of marriage.

The love which the husband has for the wife and the wife for the husband is not something of man, but is placed inside them by God from the moment of their creation. “Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they two shall be one flesh.” (Gen. 2:24) The loving union of the spouses is a great spiritual asset in their journey together. Also, in difficult time of married life, patient and tolerant love saved the marriage.

I know this homily needs to be for the younger people than you are here. You are here lived your whole life of marriage. You have more experience in married life. You know how to maintain your marriage. You know that a happy family is built in a good relationship between husband and wife.

However, we know divorce influence much on the family life today, especially children. That is why the Catholic Church remains faithful to the law of God to maintain the indissolubility, when a marriage is accomplished; the Church does not accept a divorce, except in cases of diriment impediment or just accept for separation of spouses.

My sharing just reminds us to pray for and help young couples in our parish and our society in our ability. May they keep their vows at their wedding mass during their family lives!

Therefore, they can realize that Christ is the source of the grace of the married sacrament. Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up

their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to love one another with tender and fruitful love. Then they can find joys of their love and family life.

We are living in the month of the Holy Rosary. The Church reminds us to pray the Holy Rosary, so our Lady of the Holy Rosary will intercede for us before the presence of God as at the Cana Wedding, she asked Jesus to help the people when the wine ran out. Come to our Blessed Mother through the Holy Rosary, we will find peace and happiness in our married life.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary prays for us. Amen.