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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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