

This week's answers:

1. **a)** “The consent consists in a ‘human act by which the partners mutually give themselves to each other’: ‘I take you to be my wife’ — ‘I take you to be my husband’” (CCC, 1627)
2. **c)** The priest or deacon serves as the Church’s official witness, but it is actually the bride and groom who are the main celebrants of the Sacrament of Matrimony (see CCC, 1623).
3. **True.** A Catholic can marry a non-Catholic or even an unbaptized non-Christian with special permission and an understanding that the Catholic party will not abandon their Catholic faith and the children will be raised Catholic (see CCC, 1633-1635).
4. **c)** An annulment is the church’s official recognition that the first marriage was never valid because it did not meet the criteria of a Catholic marriage.
5. **False.** “The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that ‘makes the marriage.’ If consent is lacking there is no marriage” (CCC, 1626).