

Catholic Trivia 7-17-26 Answers:

1. **The spouses themselves are the ministers of this sacrament.**
The bride and groom confer the sacrament upon each other by exchanging their free and public consent. The priest or deacon acts as the official witness representing the Church.
2. The three essential properties are **permanence** (indissolubility), **exclusivity** (fidelity), and **openness to children**. The marriage bond lasts until the death of one of the spouses.
3. Openness to life means the couple accepts **children as the supreme gift of marriage** and are willing to cooperate with God in the creation and education of new life. Deliberately and permanently excluding this openness at the time of the wedding invalidates the marriage.
4. The primary goal of marriage is the **salvation of the spouses**—to help get each other to heaven. Spouses are meant to be a visible sign of God's love and play an essential role in each other's sanctification.
5. Canonical form dictates that, for validity, a Catholic must be married in the presence of an authorized bishop, priest, or deacon and at least two witnesses, but a dispensation can be granted in certain circumstances. Typically, the wedding ceremony takes place **inside a Catholic church building**. (Exceptions regarding places require the bishop's dispensation).