



MARRIAGE



Name: _____ Date: _____

Words to know:

posthumously (*after someone's death*), phenomenon (*an observable event or situation*), end (*goal*), forego (*give up*)

St. Thomas's thoughts on marriage can be found in a collection gathered by his students after his death called:

a. The Summa Theologiae	b. The Supplement
c. The Questiones	d. The Summa Contra Gentiles

When, over the course of his teaching career, St. Thomas spoke about marriage, he was careful to point out its identity and integrity as both a _____ phenomenon and as a Christian Sacrament.

THE NATURALNESS OF MARRIAGE

Man and woman incline naturally towards marrying, not in some uncontrollable, necessary movement... but in a _____ movement towards the good that men and women bring about through deliberation and consent.

THE ENDS OF MARRIAGE

First and Principal End: Begetting and education of _____
For this, men and women come together to generate new life and they stay together to provide their offspring education, not only in survival, but also in _____.

Second End: Cooperation in making and perfecting a _____
Because the human person is a _____ and political animal, it is natural that human beings form _____... The most fundamental and natural of these is the _____.

For Aquinas, marriage unites these two natural ends, into one seamless life of the _____, where the ends of father, mother, and child are met all at once.





Because the flourishing of human society depends on some individuals pursuing the higher life of _____, Aquinas notes that the overall good of families requires that some individuals forego the goods of marriage and dedicate themselves instead to the contemplative pursuit of _____.

Aquinas stressed that, when entered into by two Christians, marriage not only serves their earthly needs, but also supplies merit for their _____.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a _____—but I am talking about _____.” Ephesians 5: 31-32

Effects of Marriage

- A remedy for sin and cause of _____ for the spouses.
- Conforms them to the _____ of Christ in _____
- Enables the husband and wife to love each other _____

In the graced union of matrimony, which unites man and woman in mind and body, the Christian husband and wife enjoy the goods of:

- _____
- mutual _____
- the _____ of their union, in which the abiding grace of the sacrament takes root

“The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a _____ and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been _____ between the baptized.” —Code of Canon Law 1055

Comprehension question: What is one thing in St. Thomas’ teaching on marriage that some people today would find surprising? How could you explain it to someone?

