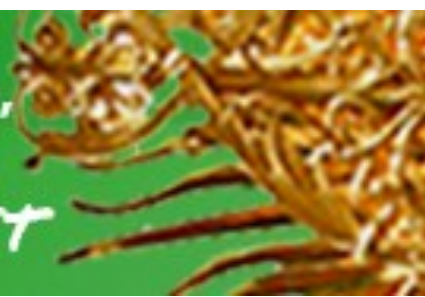




Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty JOIN THE MOVEMENT



May 30: Friday Fast

Intention:

We pray that through their marriage, a husband and wife will reflect the love that God Himself is.

Did you know?

The second March for Marriage will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 19, 2014. This year's march will be an important opportunity to promote and defend the beauty of marriage as the unique two-in-one-flesh communion of husband and wife. For more information on this event, visit

www.marriagemarch.org.

Quick Links

⇒ [Call to Prayer facebook page](#)

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Reflection:



In a recent [Wednesday audience reflection](#),

Pope Francis

spoke about the Sacrament of Marriage: "When a man and woman celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony, God as it were 'is mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. ...Indeed, God is a communion too: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity." As a communion of persons, the family reflects the Persons of the Trinity (in a limited way). Although there is not gender in God, there is unity and difference. This unity and difference in God is imaged through the sexual difference of man and woman.

Through their bodies, a husband and wife are able to express marital love. This unique expression would not be possible apart from their existence as male and female. [In the words of St. John Paul II](#), "The body, and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine." In this way, the body is sacramental because a sacrament is a visible sign of an invisible reality.

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