

on a white wedding dress, or because they play beautiful music, and so on, but because you ask: „LORD, I feel that I have my human love for my wife / husband, but please, give me Your love as well!“ And GOD has no love, He is love! Therefore, even consecrated persons could actually have plenty of this love, but it is not always a matter of feelings. Love means: giving kindnesses to the other person, seeing that I give him something which is like medicine – joy. I cannot possibly put into words what I actually mean to say. – Is it not the greatest joy to watch the other person laugh or smile! Amen!

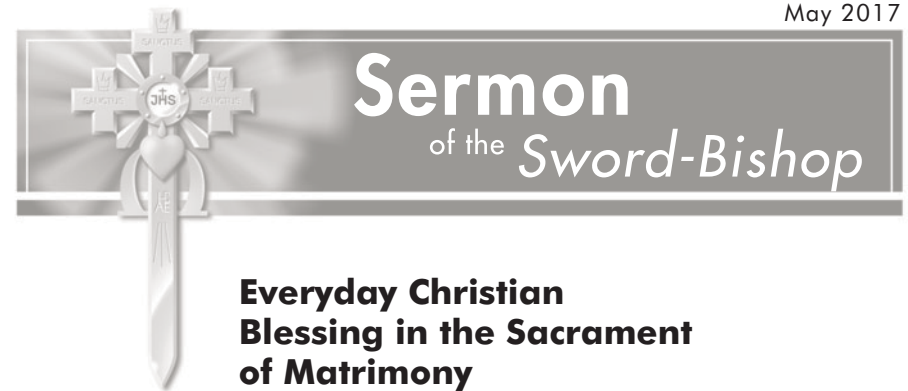
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,  
the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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## **Everyday Christian Blessing in the Sacrament of Matrimony**

My dearly beloved, of course you can live your life in the same way as many other people do, a superficial life, going to Sunday Holy Mass every now and then or perhaps only on Christmas Eve. There are Christians who still keep Sunday observance, yes, perhaps even say their daily prayers, and yet they are lukewarm. Today we have spiritual warfare and no one is exempted. If I were able to have a look into Purgatory now, what would I see? In Purgatory there are many Poor Souls who attended Sunday Mass now and then, who said their daily prayers, but in no way stood out as Christians, I mean standing out in a positive way, for example, by giving someone a smile, making someone happy, by being kind in dealing with their neighbour, oozing peace, showing patience, being gentle, also towards their subordinates, who perhaps do make mistakes, being kind, patient, meek, loyal, moderate, chaste.

We should not only keep the 10 Commandments, but also live in the awareness that GOD sees us all the time. Let us imagine our Guardian Angel who is always beside us: He never forgets GOD and is always fervently praying to GOD. Does our way of thinking and acting match up with his? We need not preach, our Christian behaviour should be exemplary, because kindheartedness, understanding for the weak, the less gifted, will attract people. Or would we like to be told off: „For goodness' sake, will you never ever learn?“ – Did the SAVIOUR not also say to the Apostles: „I will not tire of repeating this to you time and time again.“

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## Man and Woman Are Different

In marriage people always wish for perfect love. What do most people understand by it? Apart from sexual difference they think that the other person has exactly the same way of thinking as they have, in everything. That is just a no go! Or did you marry a clone? That would be boring, in that case you would not need to marry at all. No, he is a man, she is a woman! The man takes many things differently from the woman, he often has a different way of thinking. And so both must learn: „What are you like? What is your way of thinking?“ Is it not something awesome, something beautiful to find that out? A woman feels like a woman and a man feels like a man. If a man feels like a woman, do not marry him, and vice versa. It would be a complete let-down, because the other one must be different from you. She must be a woman, he must be a man, different in their way of thinking and perception. And people should learn this in their acquaintance, before the wedding. You do not need to learn the carnal part, GOD created it in such way that it fits together, but you must come to know the characteristic features of the other person. Perhaps a boy who did not have any sisters in his family, or a girl who grew up without any brothers, may have more difficulty with it. Of course, they could learn this from their father and mother provided that they are in harmony with each other, that both of them think differently and yet are together in peace.

There is not a person without any mistakes. Even if he had none, he might have a way of doing things which does not suit the other person. I must come to know the other person and admit, after taking off my rose-coloured spectacles: „Aha, now we can already begin to see some flaws ... He/she has also got some wonderful sides about him/her, though, which are quite to my liking.“ Now I must weigh up the pros and cons, make up my mind: „Can I accept his/her negative sides? Does the good side of him/her, whose life I want to share, outweigh the bad side?“ Do not think: „I will cure him/her of it when we are married!“ That has nothing to do with love. If I accept the less

agreeable sides of the other person, they might wear off automatically in the course of time, perhaps without being noticed. Otherness is, in fact, interesting. It will keep love alive.

## Differences of Opinion in Marriage

People imagine that it would be sheer happiness if their beloved were always around. That should be utter love! No, no, all married couples know that there will always be times when you do not necessarily approve of the other one's actions: „Well, no, I would have done that differently. I do not know if it is all right like this.“ Married couples must sometimes draw each other's attention to something, such as: „You should not forget this and that.“ The other partner thinks: „Be quiet, will you, I know!“ Or with the bringing up of children: Maybe one parent momentarily has a quieter nature, and can more easily put up with a noisier child, but the other one says: „For goodness' sake, can't you tell him to be quiet!“ – Only with the love of GOD, which has been poured into married couples through the Sacrament of Matrimony, will you still be able to love.

## Strength in the Sacrament of Matrimony

Human love in a marriage is good – as a matter of fact, and needless to say, it is indispensable. But if, through the benediction of the Church, GOD's blessing is additionally bestowed upon you, your marriage will become a Sacrament and in addition to your human love you will be given a divine love for each other into your hearts, and this one will see you through the most heated argument. It depends on what you do with this Sacrament. After all, it is not so that GOD, who is love, will squeeze Himself between the married couple. No, GOD will then be present in both hearts and with this divine love they will be able and allowed to love each other. Only this love can survive, even after occasional fraying. Therefore, the blessing of the Church would be so important. Not because it is so wonderful to put

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