

**What are the two ends of marriage?**

Life – procreative  
Love – unitive

**What are the two properties of marriage?**

Fidelity – Marriage is an exclusive relationship  
Permanence – Marriage is a life-long commitment, until death do us part.

**What are the three parts of a sacrament?**

1. Matter – the man and the woman
2. Form – the vows
3. Intention – The minister must intend the sacrament.

**Who is the minister of the sacrament of marriage?**

The bride and the groom are the ones who say the vows; they are the minister of the sacrament.

**What act of the will makes a marriage valid?**

Consent – which is given with the vows.

**What action makes a marriage indissoluble?**

Consummation – the conjugal union of husband and wife enacts the vows and serves to achieve the ends of marriage.

**When is a valid marriage over?**

Death

**What does “putative marriage” mean?**

The presumption of validity. The law favors the existence of the marriage.

**What does “lack of form” mean?**

When a Catholic gets married outside the Church without the proper dispensation. This marriage is automatically invalid.

**What are the three essential parts of consent?**

1. Knowledge – you must know the two ends and the two properties.
2. Freedom – there can be no impediment to the marriage (i.e. previous marriage)
3. Capacity – the quality of character that allows a person to achieve the ends of marriage and live the properties.

**How is capacity formed?**

Family life is primary place where capacity is formed. From early childhood a person experiences the nature of marriage and the expectation to be able to fulfill the duties of marriage.

Faith is also a formative experience. People learn about sacrifice and placing themselves at the service of others. This is an excellent formation for the sacrifices that marriage requires.

Personal experiences – people learn from their own lives what they are able to do.

This is a very brief explanation. There is much more to know about marriage. I encourage you to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1601-1666. This gives a full explanation of the nature of marriage.