

Marriage



For Catholic himself/herself, the Sacrament of **Marriage** is a public sign that an individual is giving themselves totally to another person. It is also seen by many as a public statement about God, because the loving union of a couple is an example of family values and God's values.

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1604

Catholic Christians believe that God is present at the marriage ceremony and witnesses the promises made before Him.

The rings given at the marriage ceremony symbolise endless love. For Catholics, the rings also serve as a reminder that God is active in the lives of the couple.



Two wedding rings symbolize endless love and act as a reminder that God is active in the couples lives

What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1614

<https://www.icatholic.ie/category/sacraments/>. They are also available from www.downandconnor.org.