



## PRINCIPLES ON MARRIAGE

- 1. Marriage is a union of husband and wife, intended to be permanent.**
- 2. Marriage protects and promotes the wellbeing of children.**
- 3. When marriage weakens, children suffer from the disadvantages (economic, emotional, educational, social, spiritual) of growing up in homes without committed mothers and fathers.**
- 4. Marriage elevates and protects our sexual nature.**
- 5. Marriage sustains civil society and promotes the common good.**
- 6. Marriage is a wealth-creating institution**
- 7. The laws that govern marriage should reflect the principles above**

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