



Through Baptism, Christians are called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. That life may be lived out in different ways. For some it will be through marriage, for others it will be through a life dedicated to God, for others it will be a life lived alone.

Whatever life choices are made, Christians are called to a commitment of holiness and service of others.

## LIFE CHOICES

Year 5 Topic 2

“All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” All are called to holiness: “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

### OUR BIG QUESTION

Is commitment important?



### PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,  
you keep together those you have united.  
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son.  
We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism;  
make us one in the fullness of faith  
and keep us one in the fellowship of love.  
Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

**Ephesians 4:1-7** St Paul tell us we all have a mission to serve God.

**Ephesians 4: 11-13, 15** St Paul explains how we all have gifts: some are called to teach, others to serve. We are all called in our own way.

**Book of Proverbs 31:10-29** Describes a capable wife and husband

**Matthew 5: 6-9 Sermon on the Mount:** ‘Happy are those who are merciful to others, who are pure In heart, those who work for peace.’



### KEY VOCABULARY

**Vocation** – a calling to follow a specific path in life

**Mission** – a vocation or calling for a religious reason

**Commitment** – being dedicated to a specific thing

**Service** (our Year 5 Gospel Value) - the action of helping or doing something for someone else

**Marriage** - the legally or formally recognised union of two people as partners in a personal relationship. Catholic marriage is made holy before God.


**Fidelity** - being faithful to one person

**Union** – bringing together, two become one

**Vows** - a serious promise made before God

**Holy Matrimony** - A Catholic marriage which is committed to before God

**Consecrated** - made Holy, blessed

Knowledge	Explanation & Links	Related images
<p><b>Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman</b></p>	<p><b>His famous quote: ‘God has created me to do (for) Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.’</b></p> <p>A cardinal is a very senior member of the catholic church who are just below the Pope in order of rank. The next pope is selected from all the cardinals around the world.</p> <p>Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (previous topic) We are all special and unique – our missions will be unique</li> <li>• God is with us every step of our journey (from Prophet Hosea)</li> <li>• (previous topic) St Maximilian Kolbe received his definite service from God – to spare the life of another and bring comfort to the prisoners during their final moments on earth</li> <li>• Our school mission statement is the work we are committed to as members of the CTK family</li> <li>• Our parish priests are examples of people who are committed to their mission given to them by God</li> </ul>	

<p><b>How the engaged couple show their commitment to God</b></p>	<p>Attend a Marriage preparation course to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- help them understand the lifelong commitment of service</li> <li>- understand the role God will play in their marriage</li> <li>- talk about any difficulties they may face in married life and how they might deal with them</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Signs and symbols seen in Marriage</b></p>	<p><b>Wedding rings</b> – symbol of everlasting love, just like God's love for us  <b>Bride wears white</b> – symbol of purity; pure intentions, entering into marriage only for this one person who they will commit to for the rest of their life  <b>Flowers</b> – sign of new life that the couple are entering into together  <b>Holding hands</b> – symbol of the couple's union  <b>Priest places his hands over the couple's hands and blesses the rings</b> – calling down the Holy Spirit to consecrate (make holy) the union – calling down of the Holy Spirit happens in all seven sacraments  <b>Our Father prayer is said</b> – reminder 'not to give into temptation' – to remain faithful in marriage  <b>Signing register/witnesses</b> – public show of commitment; witnesses will sign to agree that they will support the couple to stay true to their vows</p>	
<p><b>Vows</b></p>	<p>The priest asks them if they are freely choosing to be married. After each has said, 'I will' they join hands. The bride and groom each say: 'I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I (name) do take thee, (name) to be my lawful wedded (wife/ husband), to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.'</p> <p>Vows are said in front of the congregation as an outward sign of commitment to one another and to God.</p>	
<p><b>Charity work as a life of service</b></p>	<p>A way to help live out God's service is through volunteering whether it be for a charity, in your community or even within your school. Volunteers do not expect money for their actions, they do it out of love and care for others.</p> <p>Links:          Gospel Values: compassion, service, justice          Catholic Virtue of Charity – love of God, love of your neighbour          Matthew 25:40 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'</p>	