

The Church at your Home



From the Unity Perspective

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Third

Unity on the family level

When the couple is married, the two families have become one family.

When the two are married, they have become the means of linking the two families.

With their marriage, the two families turn into one large united family which strengthens their connection with each other.

The couple's marriage offers a large number of extended family, each would have more than one father, more than one mother and more siblings.

the husband should deal with his wife's family exactly as he deals with his own family without any discrimination against his wife's family; that applies to everything, for example, on different occasions, gifts, financial aids, social events whether in consolation or happy events.

The couple has to visit their families together.

The wife has to choose gifts for both sides carefully, that includes the same frequency, and the same value.

Neither the husband nor the wife should complain to the other side's family as this constitutes a barrier and disrupts the relationship later on.

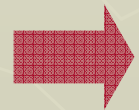
The husband and the wife should offer different compliments in front of each other's family to strengthen the relationship.

Fourth:

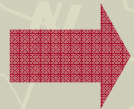
Unity in the financial issues:

The status that was established in the early church, should be maintained in the Church at your home. “And the multitude that believed in the Lord were one heart and one soul and no one said that anything belonged to him but they shared everything.” Acts 4:13

It is worth saying that research tells us that 37 % of family problems were because of financial problems. Therefore the church recommends the following:



After marriage, their ownership of things must be on equal footing.



After marriage bank accounts should be shared.



After marriage their planning for expenditure and savings should be shared.

Fifth:

the unity of thought and responsibility:

**“So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ,
and every one members one of another.”**

Romans 12:5

Our Lord Jesus teaches us in the story of feeding the multitudes that every person gave something in a way and every person got something in a way.

Everybody gave something:

The multitude offered time and energy The disciples gave feelings and emotion, they also participated in the distribution of food.

The young boy gave all that he had The Lord Jesus offered everything to every person.



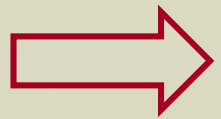
Fulfilling the body's needs

Healing to the body

Comfort to the soul

Comfort to the spirit

Every person received something:



The disciples received blessings of discipleship and partaking.



The multitude received body nourishment, soul nourishment and spirit nourishment



The boy received lasting remembrance by offering the Lord his own food.



The Lord Jesus received a lot of love and gratitude from everybody.

New members in the After life.

Patterns of planning and

**Pattern
one**

the husband is fully in charge.

**Pattern
two**

**the authoritative wife; the wife is
completely in charge.**

**Pattern
three**

distributing responsibility in isolation.

**Pattern
four**

**Exchanging opinions in decision
making and being fair in
responsibility distribution and
flexibility in application.**

Without hesitation,

we encourage everyone to adopt the fourth pattern as it leads to the best results.

It is essential that the husband takes part in the house work as well as outside.

It is important for both parents to train their children on being responsible and independent in thinking, working at home and outside their home and to be in charge of their own life in the school.

Sixth

Unity in raising the children:

Certain consideration should be taken into account:

Raising the children is a mutual responsibility between the husband and the wife.

Different roles should be adopted by the mom and the dad. For example; meals sanitation, studying, how to deal with problems

Taking part in distributing responsibility, roles between the husband and the wife according to the age, the infants should be with their moms, the one who is little older should be with his dad.

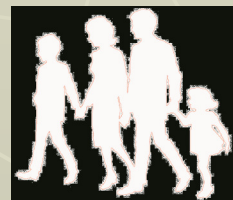
Also, parents should be very keen on keeping away the children from our differences and problems. This should help children, in a way, to grow up more psychologically stable.

Unity of parents in dealing with different stages in children's life. Also, the punishment should be thought of well and stay consistent in punishment, giving gifts.

That means the married couple should be consistent in their behavior, they should appear in front of children as united in their thinking, in the punishment as well as in rewards. The two of them should be attentive to what they do with their children, whoever decides the punishment must be the one who decides the reward.

Each of the husband or the wife should work hard on creating a better picture about each other. They should also be keen on being fair with all members of the family whether the young or the old, the boys or the girls.

**Let's always pray
the same
prayer in the Holy Mass:**



**“The unity of the heart that
proceeds from love shall always
dwell on us.**