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# Short course

## A Faithful Promise: Catholic Marriage – Covenant and Calling

### When:

Four Tuesday nights - 15, 22 and 29 Oct and 12 Nov, 2024

### Time:

7 – 8.30pm AEDT (live via Zoom)

### Cost:

\$100 (or \$25 per session)

### Register:

Register now via this link [acu.edu.au/marriage\\_short\\_course](https://acu.edu.au/marriage_short_course)

### Presenter:

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### SESSION 1

Biblical and Theological Foundations of Marriage

### SESSION 2

Marriage as Contract, Covenant, Sacrament

The Catholic Sacrament of Marriage is an intimate community of life and love established by God the Creator. In this sacrament of Christian vocation, equal partners created for one another join in a permanent holy union directed toward fruitfulness and the common work of watching over creation. This short course explores the Catholic Sacrament of Marriage as a lifelong partnership between a baptised man and woman, a contract, covenant, and sacrament. It introduces the biblical and theological foundations of the sacrament, its historical development and ritual enactment. The distinctive nature of sacramental marriage is addressed within our contemporary sociological context, and questions of divorce, remarriage and communion are explored.

### SESSION 3

Living the Sacrament of Marriage: Unity, Indissolubility and Openness to Life

### SESSION 4

Theology of Marriage in the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*

The final session focuses on the contemporary Roman Catholic ritual of Marriage, which reveals the Church's doctrine of service embedded in the enacted theology of the sacrament.

### ADVANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Teachers, clergy, seminarians, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners and all who have an interest in Catholic sacraments, or work in marriage education or ministries of support to married couples in a parish setting, are encouraged to register for this short course.

Upon request, the ACU Centre for Liturgy can provide a certificate of attendance for teachers and others participating in this seminar as part of their ongoing professional learning requirements.

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