

Session 10: Vocation - Called to Serve

Parents' Guide

Unit One

This unit consists of a relatively long video (17 minutes) which makes up the most of this session. The video has speakers explaining the four different states of life to which God may call us. Please watch through with your child, and note anything that you did not know before. Afterwards, you and your child are asked to discuss the four states and the *Confirmand* should make notes on anything which stood out for him or her.

It is possible that some of the more controversial questions about Church teaching may come up here. If necessary, below are some accessible videos offering good, faithful explanations of the Church's teaching.

[Why women cannot be ordained?](#)

[The Church's teaching about homosexuality?](#)

[Catholics and Divorce](#)

[Transgender Questions](#)

Unit Two

This unit is a close up on marriage, which is the vocation to which most of our *Confirmandi* will likely find themselves called.

It is quite important to communicate the Church's teaching on the four essential elements of marriage to our young people. If young people are not aware of these things, and enter into relationships later in life contrary to the Church's teaching, it can be a terrible shock when they later find this out as adults.

The short video summarizes these elements, but I have given the link to the transcript, if you and your child need some help with the answers to the questions.

Finally, you are asked to reflect on the differences between the Catholic view of marriage and the secular view. In few areas has our culture so much departed from Christian ethics than on marriage and sexuality. It is important to help your child to understand this, so that they can make informed choices about their life of faith.