

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores serving God and the community through the Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony.

God's Word



Read **Galatians 5:13–14** to learn more about how we should serve one another.

Catholics Believe

- Holy Orders is the Sacrament in which baptized men are ordained as deacons, priests, or bishops to lead and serve the Church.
- Matrimony joins a baptized man and a baptized woman in Christian marriage to serve God by loving and serving each other and any children they may have.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1534, 1535 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, a priest, teacher, and the founder of the Christian Brothers, whose mission is to educate youth.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Your child's emerging awareness of others makes this an ideal time to consider how God might call him or her to serve others in the Church and in society. Particular consideration should be given to Matrimony, Holy Orders, or religious life. While your child will ultimately have many years to discern a vocation, an early awareness of a life of service can help keep your child oriented in a direction that is compatible with God's plan for his or her life.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

In how many ways do you see yourself as a servant?

If you are a parent you may see your whole life through the eyes of service! The choice is in being begrudging angry servants, or eager servants, knowing that our service is an act of love. "God's people share in Christ's kingly mission, which is to lead others through loving service to them. Jesus came not 'to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mt 20:28). We are called in imitation of the Lord Jesus, to be people who offer ourselves willingly in service to others" (*USCCA, p. 118*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some ways that the people in your family serve God and others.
- Share some good memories of weddings and family life that you have seen or experienced.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Jean-Baptiste, help us know what God is calling us to do. May we listen to that call and willingly follow it. Amen.



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