

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 27th SUNDAY YEAR -B-2024.

THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE:

The book of Genesis has two accounts of the institution marriage(Gen1:26-28) sees marriage as a **means of procreation**,while (Gen.2:18-21) sees it as **means of meetings human companionship and complimenting man and woman**,both are correct.The complimentary nature is so much stressed because God created them for each other.Man and woman will break all other ties and join in marriage.God saw that it was not good for man to stay alone(Gen.2:18) I will make a suitable partner for him.Due to this strength in this attraction and the need for partnership,**therefore a man will leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and both becomes one flesh.**

There are some truth about marriage in todays readings we should give a thought.We must understand the **marriage is a unique relationship**, we are all involved in different strong and weak,temporary and enduring relationship in our lifes, like king and his people,teacher and students,priests and parishioners,lawyer and client,Doctor and patience,yet among these many and other rerelioship,the book of Genesisi sings out **only one and traces it back to the very start of creation,that is the relationship of man and wife.** *was created by God himself hence very unique.It is older*

than Israel and more ancient than the church. Marriage is not as a result of human convention, social or legislation as other relationships. **Marriage of man and woman is inscribed by God himself nothing can replace or imitate.** *it is intended by God to be superior than other relationship hence **the respect for marriage must be observed.*** Leaders come and go, priests, nuns friends relationships come and go, some last for a while others for long **BUT marriage is the only relationship which is supposed to last forever till death parts them! Is this happening nowadays really!** That vow to be **faithful to one another, is the very heart of marriage as opposed to romantics feelings or emotional expression.** The vow of fidelity is very vital.

Marriage is not only a unique relationship but also vocation in and for the church. It is public function that is why the church has interest, the state and respective families and friends. The couple promises to transmit that gift of life hence the role of **co-creators and raising up the children in the love and knowledge of Christ.** They promise fidelity to one who is not **perfect and not in heaven but a fellow human being with limitation and short coming and imperfections** Finally marriage is lighthouse in a world of so **many broken promise, contracts and unfaithfulness, but it is possible by grace of God.** What about divorce, it is **fact in our world**

and our families. A broken marriage is always a sign of our **wounded world** hence we need **healing Grace of God and wisdom of Holy Spirit to find repair and renewal**. Fidelity in marriage, priesthood, religious and even single life DOESN'T drop from heaven. Let's not live our vocations in a **luxurious Eden or a temptation free paradise**. Even paradise wasn't free of temptation, the forbidden fruit still exist. We have to struggle and must work to be faithful in our vocations. We can't do this on our own we **need that Grace of God and support of each other to be faithful to our different vocations**. our world needs witness of fidelity in our vocations. **ARE YOU GOING TO BE A LIGHT IN UNFAITHFUL WORLD!**