

# Wedding Rings

A quilt is a bed cover made from small scraps of colorful cloth that are pieced into a pattern and then sewn carefully by hand. One of the most beautiful quilt patterns is called the wedding ring.

When a man and a woman marry, they exchange rings, saying to each other, "Take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Fidelity means faithfulness. The exchange of rings is a sign of lasting love. A husband and wife promise to be true to each other in good times and in bad times, for all of their lives. This is a very important promise. That is why a couple should be sure of their love before they marry.

Making a marriage work is a lot like making a quilt. It takes time and careful work to make a marriage. One person can't do it alone. Over time, a husband and wife cut and piece, patch and sew, fix mistakes, and mend the rips and tears of their life together. They create special memories and experiences to fit into their own unique pattern.

A marriage is a work of art in progress. As the marriage partners grow and change, the grace of the Sacrament continues to help them. The marriage isn't finished until one of the partners dies.

**In the center of the quilt write some important pieces of your family's life together. For example, you could write the names of your parents and the date of their wedding, or the names and birth dates of each child in your family. Don't forget to color the border!**

