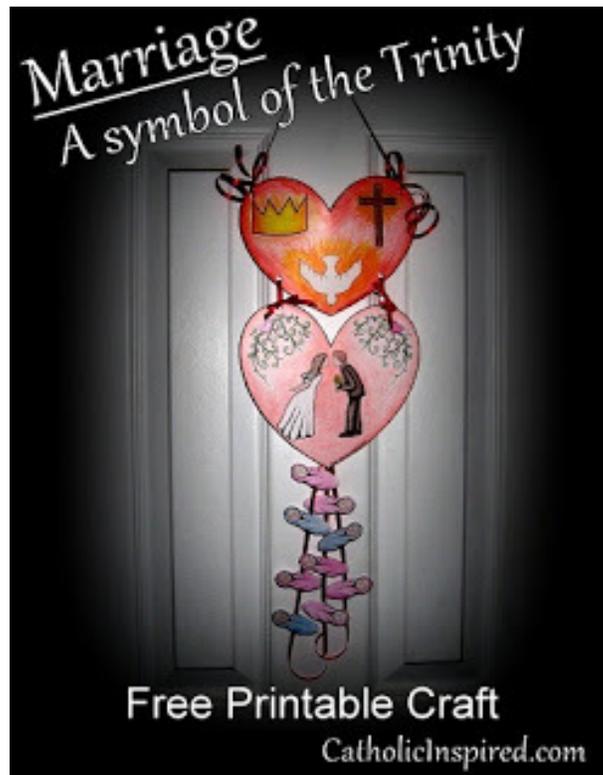


About Marriage and the Blessed Trinity

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A long time ago in the book of Genesis, God first created marriage when He gave Eve to Adam. Thousands of years later, Christ revealed that God himself was actually more than we thought. He wasn't just God, He was a Trinity, a union of three divine persons in one God. In God, there is a Father who is distinct from the Son but loves the Son and gives everything of himself to His Son. This Son accepts everything that his Father gives Him and gives back to his Father everything that he himself is. This total self-giving of the Father to the Son and the Son back to the Father never stops. Since God is forever and doesn't change, so too this giving doesn't change. In fact, it's so intense that it actually makes the Third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. This truth about who God actually is why we understand what marriage is supposed to be: the giving of one selflessly to the other. Each receives everything that the other one is and gives back totally. In this sharing of each other, there is an openness where a third is welcome and can find life. Marriage is meant to be a reflection of the very nature of who God is.

God has shared the truth of who He is, and a man and woman embrace that truth when they embrace one another in a total self-giving marriage.



Marriage and the Holy Trinity Craft

For this craft you will need:

- the craft sheets printed onto white paper
 - stock paper is best but regular paper is fine
- colored pencils / crayons
- ribbon or string (about a yard for each craft)
- tape
- scissors
- hole punch

First color the two hearts
(One for the Trinity and one for the married couple).
Color as many babies as you like.

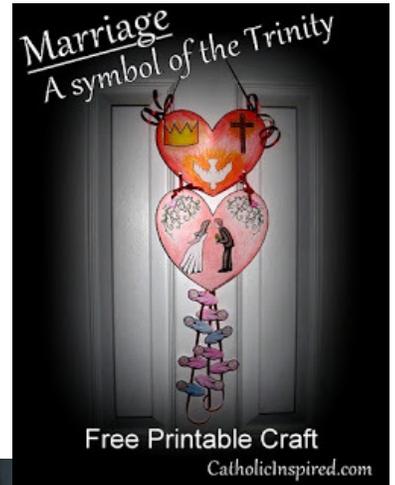
Cut out the hearts and babies. Use a hole punch to
make a hole at the area marked with dots
(there are 6 dots).

Use some short strips of ribbon/string to tie the
two hearts together. The Trinity heart should be
on top and the married couple under it.

Tape about three strips of ribbon to the bottom
of the married couple's heart.

Use tape to attach the babies to the hanging
ribbons.

Add a ribbon to the top of the Trinity heart.
Use this ribbon to hang your heart mobile.





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