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***Part D – The Seven Sacraments and the new “Sacraments,”  
Confirmation, Matrimony, pp. 445-457***

**A. Basic Sacramental theology**

1. Four things absolutely needed for a valid Sacrament:
  - a. *Matter* the material needed
  - b. *Form* the correct, essential words of the Sacrament formula
  - c. *Intention* at the very least, that of “doing what Christ (or the Church) does”
  - d. *Minister* He must have the power to perform the Sacramental rite

**B. Sacrament of Confirmation**

1. Four requirements, as applied to the Sacrament of Confirmation
  - a. *Matter* Imposition of hands and anointing with Sacred Chrism (Olive Oil & Balsam)
  - b. *Form* The essential words are “*I sign thee with the Sign of the Cross and I confirm thee with the Chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*”
  - c. *Intention* “Doing as the Church does”
  - d. *Minister* Must be a validly-consecrated bishop; he is the *ordinary* minister of this Sacrament. A true Pope can authorize priests to be *extraordinary* ministers, e.g. Fr. Junipero Serra, parish pastors (in danger of death)
2. How the Sacrament has been altered, and invalidated in the Vatican II Church, since 1971, when the new rite was promulgated:
  - a. *Matter* invalid, because the “Chrism” is blessed by invalidly-consecrated bishops. Also, various vegetable oils have been allowed to be used. There is no longer the imposition of the Bishop’s hand on top of the head while he is anointing the forehead with the thumb having been dipped in the Chrism.
  - b. *Form* The essential words were changed to “*Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.*” This significant change leads to doubts about the validity of the form.
  - c. *Intention* The slight blow on the cheek, reminding the one confirmed of becoming a soldier of Christ, has been removed from the rite. Questions about change of intention?
  - d. *Minister* The bishops are not validly consecrated! They are considered the *primary* ministers of Confirmation, priests are *secondary* ministers, and so “confirm” quite often.
3. Other concerns about Confirmation in the new rite
  - a. Often delayed until the teenage years

**C. Sacrament of Matrimony**

1. Four requirements as applied to Sacrament of Matrimony
  - a. *Matter* the marriage contract itself, the giving of the man and woman to each other in this life-long bond
  - b. *Form* the external giving and receiving of expressed consent to the marriage contract (“I do”)

- c. *Intention* “Doing as the Church does”. Even the simple intention of entering into the state of marriage suffices.
  - d. *Minister* The husband and wife themselves. The priest is only the official witness of the Church to the marriage and gives the Church’s blessings upon the wedded couple.
2. Even though the priest is Church’s witness, and not the giver of the Sacrament, on a normal basis his presence is required for the *validity* of the marriage. Likewise, two witnesses are required as well.

**Canon 1098:** If the pastor or Ordinary, or a priest delegated by either, according to Canons 1095 and 1096, cannot be had or the parties cannot go to him without great inconvenience, the following rules are to be observed:

- i. In danger of death marriage may be validly and licitly contracted in the presence only of two witnesses;
  - ii. Even apart from the danger of death marriage may be contracted without the presence of an authorized priest, if it can be prudently foreseen that this state of affairs, namely the difficulty to have an authorized priest witness the marriage, will continue for a month.
  - iii. In either case, if there is another priest not delegated, for instance on vacation or a visit, who can be present, he should be called and together with the witnesses assist at the marriage, but only the two witnesses are necessary for validity.
3. Couples that, in good faith, get married in the Vatican II Church are presumed to be in a valid marriage. Even though questions may be raised about validity issues, “Marriage enjoys the favor of law; wherefore in a doubt the law insists on the validity of marriage until the contrary is proved. (**Canon 1014**)
4. The most serious concern regarding Matrimony in the Church of Vatican II is that marriage annulments are handed out so freely. Practically all who apply for one receive it! Since Paul VI and especially since codified in the new 1983 Code of Canon Law under John Paul II, “psychological grounds” have been introduced as circumstances invalidating marriage.
5. Since *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”) has been promulgated (March 19, 2016), divorced and re-married couples themselves can now decide whether their current marriage is valid, or even if it’s not, they can live as a married couple “if that’s the best they can do”! This will pave the way to justifying homosexual unions. Remember, the majority of Vatican II “Catholics” is already in favor of this unnatural sin.
- a. It was this very document that led the 4 Cardinals to issue their *dubia* questions to Bergoglio (September 19, 2016), and to which they received no response whatever. Of the four, Carlo Caffarra and Joachim Meisner are now deceased; Walter Brandmüller and Raymond Burke are still living.
  - b. It is also what led 45 conservative Vatican-II priests, theologians, and professors to issue their response to *Amoris Laetitia* with charges of heresy (June 29, 2016).
  - c. It is also what led to the *Correctio Filialis de Haeresibus Propagatis* (July 16, 2017 – 250 signatories so far at [www.correctiofilialis.org](http://www.correctiofilialis.org)).
6. The 1983 Code of Canon Law inverts the two purposes of marriage. Instead of the “procreation and education of children” being listed first (as the Church has always done before), the “well-being” of the spouses is indicated first.
7. In mixed marriages, the non-Catholic party no longer has to promise that the children of the marriage will be raised Catholic. A sad example of setting up the marriage for difficulty, and likely failure!