

Hopes for Marriage

This activity has been used successfully with young adults who wanted to discuss the ideals of marriage love. It is a wonderful way to cherish hopes for a happy marriage!

Materials Needed:

raw eggs
paper
glue
colored tissue paper

Procedure:

1. On small pieces of paper, write hopes for your own marriage and/or for each other's marriages. You might also want to write out short quotes about marriage.
2. Blow an egg carefully, then wash it and let it air dry.
3. When the egg is dry, roll up the pieces of paper and carefully insert them into the egg. If you have written hopes for the future marriages of your friends, you can give them the papers to put in their eggs (without peeking).
4. Now mix equal portions of glue and water and use it to adhere colored tissue paper to the outside of the egg (covering the blow holes).
5. Air dry and save for your wedding day!

Alternative: One might also use this activity might also be used for a bridal shower.

Some Brief Quotes about Marriage:

Truly conjugal love with its delights comes only from the Lord and is given to those who live according to His commandments (*Conjugal Love* 534).

Truly conjugal love lasts to eternity—the wife becoming more and more a wife, and a husband becoming more and more a husband (*Conjugal Love* 200).

Heavenly conjugal love consists in living, content in the Lord, together with one's partner whom one loves very tenderly, and with one's children (*Arcana Coelestia* 5051:2).

It is the nature of love to will to share with another, indeed, to confer joys upon another whom it loves from the heart (CL 180).

Love with its inmost friendship constantly increases in the wife, and wisdom with its happiness in the husband, and this to eternity (CL 355:6).

The states produced by this love are innocence, peace, tranquility, inmost friendship, complete trust, a mutual desire of the mind and heart to do the other every good; also, as a result of all these, bliss, felicity, delight, pleasure, and, owing to an eternal enjoyment of states like this, the happiness of heaven (CL 180).