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MARRIAGE - LIVING GOD'S DREAM FOR US

Pope Francis has called upon the Universal church to pray for the people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage this coming year. The following is a reflection he wrote:



Is it true, what some people say—that young people don't want to get married, especially during these difficult times? Getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful.

It's a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times complicated, but it's worth making the effort. And on this life-long journey, the husband and wife aren't alone; Jesus accompanies them.

Marriage isn't just a "social" act; it's a vocation that's born from the heart; it's a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation. Please, never forget this. God has a dream for us — love— and He asks us to make it his own.

Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

And let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love. But it's worth it, eh?

This message can be seen on You Tube: [The Beauty of Marriage – The Pope](#)