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## They Serve Mercy

Newly elected members of Our Lady of Mercy Parents' Association Board are in front from left: Marcia Mendola, Connie Wahl, Eleanor Rausch, Sylvia Boylan, Nancy Ballister. In back, Nick Mendola, Bill Wahl, Emmett Boylan, Joseph Ballister.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

## Marriage Takes Work

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 10/2-16. (R1) Gn. 2/18-24. (R2) Heb. 2/9-11.

After God had created the world and man, He did a little "fine tuning" of it and said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." So He created woman and consecrated marriage. "A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and the two of them become one body."

Marriages today are in a sorry state. Forty percent of first marriages end in divorce; so do 44 percent of all second marriages. By the end of the 1980s, it is predicted one of every ten marriages will end in divorce. This isn't a reflection on marriage. As an old wise-crack goes, "It isn't the asylum that's the problem; it's the people in it."

J. Paul Getty, reputed by some to be the richest man in the world — a success by almost any standard, but his own — once said, "I'd trade my fortune for just one happy marriage."

How can a marriage become happy? It's not easy! However, there are some guidelines.

The first is the need for better preparation. The diocesan marriage preparation course is a wonderful step in the right direction. These courses are excellent.

A second guideline is premarital chastity. We've all heard the old lament: "Will someone kindly tell me? Will someone let me know? How I picked a lemon in the garden of love? Where I thought only peaches grow!" The answer is premarital sex. Passion blinds, especially before marriage.

Perhaps one of the most important rules is prayer. Prayer to pick a proper spouse, and then more prayer to be a proper spouse. Someone said, "If you're going to travel, pray once. If you are going by sea, pray twice. But if you are going to be married, pray a hundred times." By now, it is a cliché, but true: "The family that prays together, stays together."

The fourth rule is psychological: enter marriage with the idea that it is permanent. "No man

can separate what God has joined." When Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked the usual question, "To what do you attribute your 50 years of successful life?"

The automobile magnate answered in his usual crisp manner, "The formula is the same formula I have always used in making cars — just stick to one model."

If we enter marriage with the mind-set that it has to succeed, that there is no way out, that man cannot separate what God has joined, then it will endure. For God has equipped us with two sets of passions: six pleasure passions and five emergency passions. The emergency passions are given precisely for the emergencies of life, the storm and stress periods. They help us surmount problems. For instance, anger is one of these emergency passions. Anger helped Jesus clear out the money-changers from the Temple.

The trouble with so many marriages today is that spouses too often have the worn mind-set: they seem to accept divorce as a matter of course. If the marriage doesn't work out, why not divorce? That's the attitude. As a result, the emergency passions are seldom called into play. As a further result, the moral fiber of people is being destroyed.

Another very important instrument for building up marriages and keeping them intact is Marriage Encounter.

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Agatha Christie wrote that the woman was lucky whose husband was an archaeologist, for the older she gets the more interested he gets in her! Not all that true! Rather, the closer we get to God and His marriage plans, the more lovable we become!

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