

GROWING IN VIRTUE

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- Patience, humility, and kindness are key.
- Build skills in communication and forgiveness.

SHARED FAITH WITNESS

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- Catholic spouse should grow in faith and give good example.
- Encourage each other in moral and spiritual values.

SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH

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- Priests and pastoral ministers can provide guidance.
- Taking marriage prep seriously is essential — don't delay the important conversations.

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Ten Essential Conversations for an Interfaith Couple

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You already share a bond that can inspire you to grow in unity—especially in the moral and spiritual values that will guide your marriage.

An interfaith marriage brings both unique opportunities and challenges, but with respect, honest communication, and a commitment to shared values, your love can deepen and flourish. Don't miss out on these essential conversations that are crucial to building a strong, united foundation for your life together.

RESPECTING EACH OTHER'S FAITH

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- Practice love and tact when talking about religion and faith.
- Avoid pressure or obstacles to one another's faith practice.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

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- Understand Catholic teaching on a valid marriage and the sacramentality of marriage.
- Discuss the unity, permanence, and fidelity of marriage.

WORSHIP & PRAYER LIFE

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- Talk about attending Mass as a family.
- Explore ways to pray together without forcing it.

RAISING CHILDREN CATHOLIC

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- The Catholic party promises to raise children in the faith.
- Agree on how this will be lived out practically.

CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS

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- Christmas, Easter, and other traditions may differ.
- Plan how your family will celebrate together.

*"LOVE AND RESPECT MUST BE FREELY SHOWN, IN THE FIRM HOPE THAT UNITY WILL BE MAINTAINED."
– FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO 78*

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EXTENDED FAMILY & EXPECTATIONS

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- Talk about how to navigate different traditions and expectations.
- Be clear about boundaries and respect.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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- Respect your spouse's conscience.
- No pressure, but no obstacles either.

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