

Canonical Marriage

and the Antinomies of

Contemporary Commitment

Capacity, Consent, and Formation



Exploring the challenges young couples face in embracing a **lifelong commitment** in the Church today.



Uncertainty
about forever



Desire for
authentic love



Fear of
irreversibility



Longing for grace
and meaning



The Contemporary Difficulty

Young couples still **desire love**.

Many **hesitate** before irrevocable commitment.



Love



Stability



Commitment



Fear



Reversibility



| Antinomy



Canonical Marriage



Definitive consent



Permanent bond



Public vocation



Self-gift

vs.



Contemporary Patterns



Conditional commitment



Revisability



Open future



Self-protection



Emotional Authenticity

Commitment remains
open to revision



Authenticity

The search for
genuine self-expression



Fulfillment

The pursuit of
personal happiness
and meaning



Conditionality

Commitment shaped
by evolving feelings
and circumstances



Reversibility

The possibility
of stepping away
without finality

Consent as Constitutive Act

Consent **constitutes** marriage



Consent



Marriage



Bond



Communion



Incapacity ≠ Difficulty



Difficulty

- Fear
- Immaturity
- Relational instability



Incapacity

- Canon 1095
- Invalid consent
- True inability



Retrospective Nullity Logic

Failure **does not** prove invalidity



Marriage



Breakdown



Tribunal



Evaluation



Permanence and Reversibility



Marriage

- Irrevocable
- Stable bond
- Definitive consent

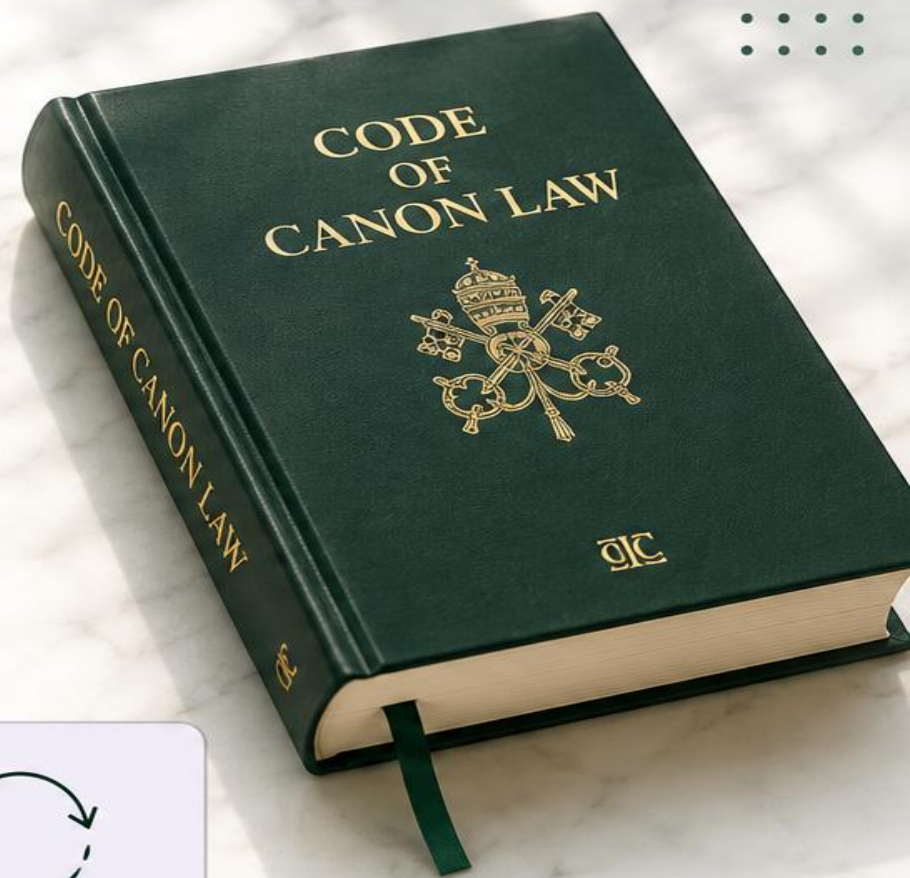


Reversibility

- Open revision
- Conditionality
- Flexible future

| The Law Reveals the Tension

The law **does not** create the tension



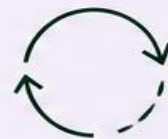
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Formation Before Consent

Formation **becomes** decisive



Formation



Freedom



Responsibility



Consent



Marriage



Restore Intelligibility

The challenge is not to redefine marriage.
The challenge is to restore
its **intelligibility**.





Thank You

Questions and Discussion

