

Conjugal Love—The Repository
of the Christian Religion

The conjugal of one man with one wife is the precious jewel of human life and the **repository** of the Christian religion.

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reconditoriium-i, n. A place for keeping safe or secret, hiding place.



2) How is the creation of a repository of the Christian religion related to what a woman brings to marriage generally?

[Conjugal] love in its steps goes hand in hand with religion (CL 531).

By the reception of the conjugal sphere by the husband solely through the wife, love truly conjugal is known (CL 213).

The sphere of conjugal love is received by women, and through women is transferred to men It is the same with the love of infants, the origin of this love being from conjugal love (CL 393).

THAT THE HUSBAND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE LORD, AND THE WIFE THE CHURCH, BECAUSE BOTH TOGETHER, THE HUSBAND AND HIS WIFE, MAKE THE CHURCH. It is a common saying in the Church that, as the Lord is the head of the Church, so the husband is the head of the wife; from which it would follow that the husband represents the Lord and the wife the Church. But **the Lord is the head of the Church, and man, man and woman, and still more husband and wife together, are the Church.** With these, the Church is first implanted in the man and through the man in his wife; for the man receives its truth in his understanding, and the wife receives it from the man. If the reverse is the case, it is not according to order. Sometimes, however, it is the case, but with men who are not lovers of wisdom and therefore are not of the Church; also with those who depend as slaves on the bidding of their wives. (CL 125)

And when he spoke, the life of wisdom from his wife was perceived in his speech; for her love was in the tone of his voice (CL 56).

3) How is the creation of a repository of the Christian religion related to what a woman brings to marriage specifically?

FROM THE AFFECTION OF THE FEMALE, in that it is an affection of loving science, intelligence, and wisdom, yet, not in herself but in the man, and so of loving the man; for a man cannot be loved from his form alone just because this appears as a man, but only from the endowment which is in him and which makes him a man.

FROM HER APPLICATION, in that it is to such works as are done with the hands, called knitting embroidery, and by other names, and which serve for ornament and for the adornment of her person and the enhancement of her beauty; also to **various offices which are called domestic and which adjoin themselves to the offices of men, which, as said above [n. 90], are called forensic.** Women apply themselves to these from an inclination to marriage, that they may become wives and so be one with their husbands.

4) How are these teachings confirmed in the letter of the Word?

If Jehovah build not the house,
In vain they labor who build it (Ps. 127.1).

As for me and my house, we will serve the Jehovah.
(Joshua 24:15).

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock (Matt. 7:24-25).

And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars And she brought forth a son, a male, who shall shepherd all the nations with an iron staff; and her child was caught up to God and His throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they may feed her there a thousand two hundred sixty days (Rev. 12:1, 5-6).

5) What is a possible result?

That offspring born of two who are in love truly conjugal derive from their parents the conjugal of good and truth, from which they have an inclination and faculty, if a son, for perceiving the things which are of wisdom, and if a daughter, for loving the things which wisdom teaches. (CL 202)