

# *Just wedding rings?*

In Italian 'wedding ring' is called '*fede*', meaning 'faithfulness'.

In French, '*alliance*', meaning 'covenant', that is the faithfulness of God to the promises made to his people.

A new bill proposed to the Italy's Senate intends to change the wordings of marriage in the Civil Code. A very simple amendment: to remove the word '**fidelity**', because – it is claimed – this word simply represents "the legacy of an out-dated and antiquated vision of marriage".



The word 'fidelity' comes from the Latin word '*fide*', meaning 'to have faith'.

A 'faithful' husband and a 'faithful' wife have 'faith' in God and in one another.

They freely chose one another and renounced to all others, because they 'believe' the other person is part of the plan of God for them.

In Greek, 'fidelity' also means 'to see'.

A 'faithful' husband and a 'faithful' wife are able to 'see' in each other the person who will make them full, complete, and happy.

They can 'see' the weakness of the other person, and love them for whom they are.

They can always 'see' the good in the other spouse.

In Hebrew, 'fidelity' means 'to build upon a solid foundation'.

A 'faithful' husband and a 'faithful' wife build their marriage on a solid foundation which will never fail: the love of God for each one of them.

They love each other, but the foundation is not the other person, but God's love.

There is only one word in the Bible which is used both to speak of God and to speak of man and woman. It is the word 'faithful'.

A 'faithful' husband and a 'faithful' wife mirror something of God's very nature !

A **PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE** is about to begin in our Parish, Saint Peter & Paul, consisting of 4 meetings :

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 8:30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 8:30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 8:30pm

**COME !** Discover the deep meaning of these 'rings'.

**INVITE** couples you know to listen to the meaning of Christian Marriage.

For more details look at our webpage

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/clerkenwell/sacramental-prep/sacrament-of-marriage/>

and speak with Father Ivano.