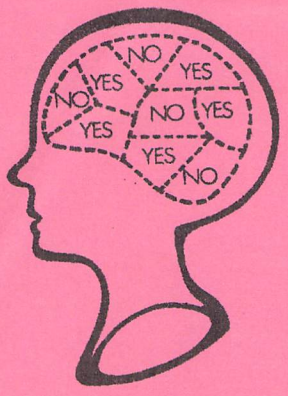

Life-giving Decision-making Process

1. Prayer
2. Discernment
    a. gather facts
    b. consult others for advice
    c. mutual discussion
3. Mutual Agreement
4. Mutual Responsibility
5. Re-evaluation

1. What important decision have we made recently that has affected us as a couple?
   A. How did we seek God's guidance in prayer?
   B. Whom and what resources did we consult besides each other?
   C. In what ways was our decision a mutual agreement that we could both be committed to carry out?
   D. How are we sharing the responsibility for the results of our decision?
   E. When and how do we need to re-evaluate this decision?
   F. How life-giving was this decision?

2. The steps in the life-giving decision-making process that we used in making our decision to become married were...

3. What is my relationship with God? How will this affect our decision-making?

4. How would I like God to be a part of our relationship? What decisions do we have to make to bring this about?

5. What decision do we have to make to be more supportive of one another in the practice of each other's faith and religious beliefs?

6. How important is your/my career to me and why? What life-giving decisions do we need to make about my/your career to enhance our marriage?

7. What decisions have we made about handling our money? Are we handling our finances in a life-giving manner?

8. What am I willing to do to help us reach a life-giving decision when a compromise seems difficult or impossible?

9. How can we use the steps in making life-giving decisions in these additional areas?
   - Use of time (family, work, activities, leisure)
   - Involvement with parent(s)/friends after marriage
   - Other