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THEOLOGY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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Answer ONE question

1. Consecrated life has developed from the life-commitment of virgins and widows for Christ's love since apostolic times and from a distinct life-style within the Christian community inspired by the life of the apostles.  
Explain and discuss.
2. Consecrated life, rooted in baptism, recalls God's original plan of love, announces the eschatological end, and witnesses radically Christian discipleship in today's society.  
Explain.
3. The challenge of consecrated chastity for the sake of the Kingdom of God "is that of a hedonistic culture which separates sexuality from all objective moral norms ...justifying a kind of idolatry of the sexual instinct."*(Vita Consecrata 88)*  
Faced by this challenge consecrated chastity witnesses a life of universal, self-giving, and self-transcending love for the person of Christ himself and a life of service to others. Explain this statement drawing on the salvific theology of created things(*Gaudium et Spes*, 33-39) and with special reference to Matthew 19: 10-12.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>His disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."