

The Novena for a Happy Marriage...

...starts tomorrow and will end March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, model husband and head of the Holy Family. For nine consecutive days: assist at Mass, receive Holy Communion, visit the Grotto, recite daily the Litany of St. Joseph.

One Day You Will Get Married.

It will happen to you sooner or later - marriage. So you need this Novena. Observe that this Novena is for a HAPPY marriage. There are many marriages today, but not many happy ones. Two elements assure you a happy marriage: a good wife and grace to be a good husband. One without the other spells misery. And neither the girl nor the grace to be a good husband will come to you unless you pray. Your marriage won't be a gamble if you pray now for:

1. A Good Girl

Not everyone is. Some have lost every sense of decency. Some think little about the sacredness of matrimony. Others despise motherhood - it cramps their social style, mars their beauty - and you should not forget that children make for happiness. Read the papers to see what many girls think of fidelity and parenthood. Maybe some of your pals have told you of the mistake they made. You want the best. "Ask and you shall receive." You must ask God to bring you the girl who will make you and your children happy. You can't afford to make a mistake in judgment and then suffer 10, 15, 50 years. Pray.

2. Grace to Be a Good Husband

God may give you the best Catholic girl in the world, but that is no guarantee for happiness in your wedded life. If you have faults, miss Mass, get drunk, become cranky and have little consideration for your wife and children, there will be a strain on the family tie. A wife can't give her all to a man who is selfish, and the kiddies can't love to the fullest extent a father who is unkind, mean, thoughtless. A husband won't be happy once he sees he is not loved. Self-control will make for happiness. Now, long before you meet the girl of your dreams, is the time to correct your faults and to develop the virtues most needed in family life: kindness, patience, purity, courage, unselfishness. You can't improve without God's grace. The Novena will bring it to you.

1. Mass. Christ prays with you and for you for a good girl and for grace.
2. Holy Communion. Christ Himself comes to develop the virtues you need.
3. Litany of St. Joseph. It's a prayer to the Saint. Besides, it gives you a glimpse at the virtues a good husband should possess.
4. Visit to Grotto. There you will see the qualities to look for in your girl.

Coming:

The Bengal Bouts.

