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Novena For A Happy Marriage.

Begins tomorrow and is addressed to St. Joseph, who was the head of the holiest and happiest Family the world has ever known. For the next nine days assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion and recite the Litany of Saint Joseph daily for these two principal intentions:

1. The favor of a good wife;
2. The grace to make her a good husband.

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Just as you can drive a horse to water but you can't make him drink, so you can bring the young to all the advice in the world but you can't make them digest it. Yet there are many who are wise enough and have the will to learn; on the other hand, it matters little whether you bring the ignorant to a Solomon or a simpleton, if they do not have the desire to know.

Those who are aware of the dignity and holiness of marriage take it on faith that God is essential to happiness in marriage. With the divorce rate the way it is and with the tragic consequences of most mixed marriages, only a first-class fool will approach marriage without preparation and prayer.

Do You Know. . .

That marriage is a top-flight career? . . . At what age young people may begin steady company-keeping? . . . How to keep from falling in love? . . . How to distinguish real love from infatuation? . . . What the four maturities are that are essential for a happy marriage? . . . The type of mate to choose and the type to avoid? . . . What percentage of mixed marriages fail? . . . What the real causes of marriage failure are? . . . The basic requisites for a happy marriage?

If you do not know all the answers then put on your reading list CANA IS FOREVER by Charles Hugo Doyle (Nugent Press)--Aquinas Library, South Bend.

Sins Of The Tongue.

St. James speaking of the harm the tongue has done through slandering, gossiping, detraction and scandalmongering, writes in the third chapter of his epistle:

The tongue also is a little member, but it boasts mightily. Behold, how small a fire--how great a forest it kindles! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity. The tongue is placed among our members, defiling the whole body, and setting on fire the course of our life, being itself set on fire by hell.

For every kind of beast and bird, and of serpents and the rest, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind; but the tongue no man can tame--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless God the Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made to the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be.

Does the fountain send forth sweet and bitter water from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a vine figs? So neither can brackish water yield fresh.

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Prayers: (deceased) Rev. Joseph Connelly (Chicago); brother of Ray Holden, '50. Ill, Mr. Roy Grimmer, Sr. father of John Corrigan (Dil); grandmother of Jim & Ed Noonan. 5 sp. ints.