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New Version of "Everyman"

The scene is laid in almost every student's life.

The chief characters are: 1) Phinias Lowchin, and 2) The Padre.

The action begins with Phinias entering the study of the Padre, sighing deeply, spilling over with grief, assuming a downcast expression redolent of misery.

Padre: Good evening, Phinias!

Phinias: No it isn't, Padre; and it never will be again, ever.

Padre: Come now, sit down and tell me all about it.

Phinias: I'm discouraged, so discouraged I don't know what to do about it.

Padre: Things are bad, eh ?

Phinias: Worse than that.

Padre: No hope ?

Phinias: That's right.

Padre: Very low ?

Phinias: Ohhhhh... I'm discouraged about everything.

Padre: Phinias, let me tell you a story.

Phinias: Oh, go ahead; things can't be worse.

Padre: Once upon a time, the Devil had such success in a certain neighborhood that he decided to move out and rest for a few weeks. Rather than take all his tools with him, he hit upon the idea of selling them. Accordingly, he put a price on each one, as he arranged them in an attractive display. When the various people interested in his wares came to the sale, their eyes popped at what they saw. Here was Anger, Gluttony, Pride, Lust, all the other devices in his employ. Each had its identifying tag and price.

But the most expensive tool of all was a small, insignificant gadget lying in a corner of the room. It escaped the attention of all buyers except one nosey individual who questioned both its appearance and its price. To him the Devil replied:

"This is the most valuable tool I have ... the most deceptive, the most insidious. Where others fail, this one does the job invariably. You see, no one knows, or even suspects, that it belongs to me. That's why it is really priceless.

"It is called Discouragement."

Phinias: Nooooo... you don't say!

Padre: That's the story. Now what are you going to do ?

Phinias: I think I'll rattle my Beads awhile down at the Grotto.

Padre: Good boy!

Phinias: Goodbye!

The NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH:-- begins tomorrow. The intention: a happy marriage. He was the head of the holiest and the happiest family ever to exist on this earth. It is suggested that you assist at Mass and Communion, and recite the Litany of St. Joseph, each day until March 19, as many generations of Notre Dame men have done before you. Ask him to help you to choose a good wife, and to help you make her a good husband. He's a big help in this very important matter. Even the wisest can use a little help in this direction.