

Give a half-hour each
week of Lent to Adoration
in Sacred Heart Church...

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Hall councilmen are signing
up volunteers, this week.
Let's make it 100%.

Another Happy Marriage!

You probably read about this one in the paper, the other day, then turned hurriedly to the sports section for more wholesome material. Anyway, they were married only last July after a college romance. Evidence reveals that they quarreled on their honeymoon. They have quarreled very much since then -- especially because she wanted things his salary couldn't afford. One thing led to another. A few days ago she hit him with a frying pan, and an alarm clock -- with deadly accuracy -- and then went home to mother.

The newspapers report that she returned; that there was a subsequent battle royal. She is now dead; and the prosecutor is trying to determine whether her death was due to his violence, her heart attack, or self-administered poison.

Fortunately, there isn't always the subsequent death in these marital battles. But every priest unfortunately today hears about many, too many, quarrels in modern marriages -- even more than the courts hear about. And they hear plenty!

And yet many students, even among Notre Dame men, think that a happy marriage is to be theirs merely for the asking -- when they get ready in the sweet bye-and-bye! But thoughtful men, realizing what is at stake in this great decision of a life-partner, are preparing, and praying -- now when they have the chance.

Could your marriage (if and when) follow the same pattern as the one described above, with the same brevity and tragic ending? Yes -- if you know no more about marriage than they knew -- if your attitude and ideals are no more substantial; if you overlook the spiritual adventure and the sacrifices involved; the deep understanding of both parties to the contract required for survival.

The Church is the only institution on earth which really understands human beings. It understands them because it is divinely guided by their Creator, Who knows what they really are like. And the Church, divinely wise, has tried always to prevent the propagation of false ideas. Make a mistake about Matrimony, and you'll be sorry only once -- but that will be the rest of your life.

That's why the Seniors should come to the Marriage Institute. It will enable them to study some of the important aspects of a union -- aspects that probably never loomed as being very important in guiding them to a choice of a life-partner.

Preparation for any career calls for a study of the factors involved. Marriage is a career that has its terminus in heaven or in hell; make no mistake about it. Never mind what marriage is in Hollywood. The important point is: What did God intend it to be. This you will discover at the Marriage Institute. You will hear capable leaders describe the many facets that make marriage a lovely, shining gem. You will also discover the unlovely, old clinkers that extinguish the fire of love and so kill a happy marriage.

You're fortunate to have someone to guide you wisely in this matter. And you will be wise to make the most of this opportunity, and at a time when it can do the most good. Tickets for the Marriage Institute go on sale today.

"But I'M A CATHOLIC. AND CATHOLICS, YOU KNOW, RECEIVE SPECIAL GRACES THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY." Of course they do, but grace builds on nature; it does not work miracles. Grace still demands your cooperation in the natural order.

PRAYERS -- Deceased: Rev. Paul Shea, CSC (in India); friend of John Connaughton of Fisher; John Yockem, '27. Ill: brother of Roger Oswald of Dillon; niece of Mike Horn of Dillon.