
Chastity Captivates.

If you ask why, it's because chastity is the greatest victory man can achieve this side of the grave. It is definite victory over the rebel commands of one's lower self.

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Today more than ever, this virtue demands the heroic. It means persistent, hard fighting. For us fallen children of Adam and Eve, there is no other way to chastity than to chastise ourselves. We must cultivate the spirit of never-give-in self-denial.

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But this, says the modern psychologist, is cruel and unnatural. The idea of mortification! Constant repression makes nervous wrecks. Only the self-indulgent man really lives.

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Evidence abounds to the contrary. Far from consisting essentially in repression, chastity is the finest expression of self-control. It is mastery 100%. Measured in terms of manliness, it takes far more, in these matters, to say "No" than "Yes." "No" expresses stamina. "Yes" is the easy way out. It represses, depresses, flattens your character.

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Chastity is not just an absence of something-- impurity. It is something positive in its own right. The chaste man is stouthearted, not a weakling slouch. In his eye, there's a glint, not the dull stare of empty unhappiness. He wears a smile never-forced. His cheeks are tinted with a healthy, natural blush.

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In the chaste man's presence, any girl is safe. His mind, like his body, is strong. He has no time to stoop to a vulgar joke,

nor to cheapen his self-respect through improper caresses. He especially prizes modesty and a natural sense of shame at things unbecoming, because these are his chastity's best protection. As soon as he senses danger, he flees. No feeling around with fire, lest he get burned.

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As long as he is his master, it matters nothing what else befalls. His treasure of chastity is its own reward. It gives him peace and content. Only the chaste man has rightful self-confidence. Another man may have wealth and friends. But nothing avails if he is a slave.

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To retain or regain this ennobling virtue, your Mary will help you. Tomorrow begin the Novena in honor of her Immaculate Conception. Nine Masses and Holy Communions for yourself. If you need the advice of a priest, don't put it off. Get it, in or out of confession, tonight. Cavanaugh, Howard and Dillon Halls.

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Here's the great intellectual motive to chastity: you're a Temple of God. Tomorrow's Bulletin will give you student reactions to this mystery of the Divine Indwelling and some practical resolutions they base on it.

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"Integral Catholicism" is also coming. This will show you Chastity is but one of the Christian virtues, even if an important one. Of itself, it is insufficient to gain us salvation. Witness the case of the foolish virgins.

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Pray God may spare our Holy Father yet longer...Pray for Jackson Chung (Carroll) who is very ill. 28 days to Christmas.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Dom Virgil Michel, brother of Dom Bede Michel, O.S.B., now at N.D.; father of Bro. Romanus, C.S.C.; father of Pete Trolie '32; anniv. father of Al. Swanser (How.); grandmother of Dan Ryan (Scrin). Ill, Bill Nolan, brother of John Nolan (Bro); father of John Hartman (Cav.); (operation) aunt of Bill Kramer; friend of Jim Clifford (Al.); brother of Bob Scally (Lyons); sister of Bill Olson (Cav.) Six special ints.