

Adoration starts tomorrow: The Lady Chapel.

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Preparation for Marriage.

Certain artists have achieved immortality by creating one masterpiece due to their extraordinary power of expression, but God has given man and woman a far greater power. In their use of the power of sex, they cooperate with God in the creation of a life which lasts on into eternity, which surpasses all other created works of nature in beauty, usefulness and worth.

Yet the world in its ignorance and false standards, in its idiotic, sometimes diabolic, confusion of values will vulgarize, cheapen, ridicule that tremendous power of sex in stories, movies, literature. Some colleges too, in their effort to keep up with the times and be "modern" preach this same degradation of sex.

The effect of this distortion gets into the newspapers every once in a while. Just as school opened, an unwed mother, student at a West Coast college, was tried for murder of her two babies. The girl centered much of her defense on her ignorance - and yet on her education too - according to a probation officer who stated:

"She was impressed by an address given at the state college by a local psychiatrist in which the speaker was understood to give tacit sanction to such matters as trial marriages and trials without marriage in a discussion in which kissing and extra-conjugal sex relations were stated to prevail to the extent of about 80 per cent of women."

One of the teachers, a Dr. Stone, testified in the girl's defense saying: "I think a certain amount of necking is absolutely normal for college students."

Dr. Stone, like many other educators, takes the crowd's word or practice for what is moral. "Everybody is doing it," means it's normal, therefore moral to them. They haven't the least conception that God has something to say as to what is moral regarding sex. They ignore that God Who made man, Who endowed him with the creative power of sex, instituted marriage and formulated laws of morality based on the inherent nature of man, of sex and of marriage.

If man in his pride ignores God's laws and rights; and sets up his own dizzy, man-made standards, then one can expect anything, even murders such as these and the officials shouldn't be shocked.

The Catholic Church still takes its teachings from Christ. It knows the tremendous dignity of sex, its power when aroused too. It knows that the greatest safeguard for happiness in marriage is pre-marital purity and that the power of sex is to be treated as a trust, as something sacred, not to be cheapened, vulgarized, abused, trifled with or ridiculed alone or in associations with others.

It knows all that and teaches confidently, because Christ guides it and Christ is divine, is God, Who made man and sex and marriage too. The success and happiness of millions and millions of Christian marriages is proof of the wisdom of His laws governing them.

Can God's law regarding purity be observed? Yes! Millions of Catholic youth are doing it. That's the proof - and they're nobler, more unselfish, more loyal to principles, to ideals and to others because of that practice.

If you want to follow Dr. Stone's formula and freedom, be prepared to take also the world's present chaos in marriage - broken homes, broken hearts, bitterness, divorce in one out of every five marriages.

Purity, alone and with others, takes effort, denial, unselfishness, but isn't a happy marriage worth it?

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Mrs. Mildred Duggan; friend of Pat Kirk (Bro).
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