

An Efficacious Prayer For Purity.

A twelve year old Italian boy who lived in Rome wanted to consecrate himself to the Mother of God. So he composed a prayer of his own and wrote it down in his own blood. In return for this manifestation of love, Our Lady obtained for the boy complete freedom from degrading sins of impurity, a sublime vocation to the priesthood, and wonderful talent in preaching.

This is the consecration that the lad composed. You will find it in the leaflet left at your door last week. If you lost your copy, you can secure another at the pamphlet rack or at the office of the Prefect of Religion. The leaflet has a picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the cover.

"My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my heart, my lips, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession."

This prayer has helped many young men conquer impurity. A young nobleman, the slave of a habit of impurity, came to the priest who had composed the prayer many years before, and acknowledged that, in spite of all his desires to do better he did not succeed. The priest told him to recite the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin every morning, and again on retiring, and then to perform some small act of denial daily. Four years later, the nobleman met the priest again. A marvelous change had taken place in the former penitent. He had attained not only purity, but real sanctity.

The power this dedication to Mary became so well known that Pope Pius IX gave it his solemn approval and indulgenced it.

The Novena for Purity starts tomorrow.  
If you are falling into sins of impurity, you can't afford to miss this chance to store up grace. If you have conquered impurity in some form, you should make the Novena as an act of gratitude and reparation. If impurity is not a problem for you, then make the Novena for others. During these nine days of prayer, recite the Consecration to Mary, assist at Mass, receive Holy Communion and visit the Grotto.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Phil Bondi, '37; Mrs. Anna Killilea; Edward Ankli, ex '46 (Benton Harbor, Mich.) killed in action. (Ill) Leslie Hayne (B-P), appendectomy.

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Late Mass in Sorin: 7:20 A.M.

