

Did you start the Novena
for Purity? Mass, Communion
visit to the Grotto for 9 days.

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(Operation) Jack Pearl
of St. Eds.

The Destiny Of Womanhood.

Naval students about to leave Notre Dame are at liberty to reveal the nature of their transfer orders. They are free to give the name of their new base, the name of their ship and where and when they are to meet it.

This freedom of speech was not permitted when the war broke out. The first class of trainees at Notre Dame were under oath not to mention orders. In most cases, the men themselves did not know where they were going, nor when, until a few hours before train time.

This silence was carried over to the factories. Workers in defense plants were warned by impressive posters to keep tight lips about war production. All these signs could be reduced to the advice. "Don't say it. It will help the enemy and bring harm to many persons."

Many young men need silence today. They are dragging the dignity of womanhood and motherhood into the ground by their obscene talk. The true man pays respect to God's creation. Every slighting remark made about motherhood, about the intimacies of marriage, makes one less a man.

A clean tongue is one need of this generation. But more, a clean mind and a clean heart is a more fundamental need. A clean heart comes before a clean tongue. Scripture puts it this way: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." So if your talk about girls is cheap, your ideals are cheap, and what you need is more serious reflection about the dignity of womanhood and motherhood.

Conditions are bad. The Holy Father himself is worried about the situation. In a recent audience with a group of Italian women he said: "The social and political situation today might even become still more precarious for the sanctity of the home and hence woman's dignity. Your day is here, Catholic woman and girls. Public life needs you. To each one of you might be said: your dignity is at stake."

Will you do your part in restoring woman to her rightful dignity? Perhaps your first move is to do nothing more than to refrain from conversations that make light of womanhood. Maybe all you need to do is to say "Knock it off" when the talk has become impure. In every case you will need God's grace. If you make the Novena for Purity, you will get control of your own tongue and you will become courageous enough to stand before a group and defend God's creation.

Because Of Your Offerings . . .

sent to pay the rent for the Library, life has become enriched for the little blind lady who comes to the Friendship House every Monday night for the mental stimulation she needs and for the Catholic atmosphere which she had missed since leaving the Franciscan Orphanage where she was raised.

Because you sent rent for the Reading Room, Friendship House had a place to store the furniture some good nuns gave the poor until the Holy Ghost sent along a young mother with cataracts on both eyes. Her husband works steadily. He can pay for the rent and food for their family of eight children but cannot buy enough furniture and clothes. The children had to stand around a tub to eat. Now they have the necessary furniture.

You can continue this work of helping Christ's poor by being generous in the collection next Sunday. The offerings will be sent to the many charitable homes that are relying on you again this Christmas for a little happiness.