

Don't forget: tonight
Solemn closing of May
devotions. Grotto at 7:00

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Thursday is a Holy Day
(Ascension). Masses same
as on Sunday.

The Ideal Wife

In the marriage Mass there is a little prayer: "In Thy hands are all the days of my life." The prayer is directed to God, but it should also be directed by the bride and groom to one another. Marriage is an act of giving of self. This thought is implied in the "I will." At the altar the couple really make a promise to each other. It can be expressed thus: "I will place my soul in thy hands all the days of my life."

Unless the husband and wife are shepherds of one another's soul, the ideal marriage, with its consequent happiness, will never be achieved. God was not fooling when He told Eve that she was to be a "helpmate" to Adam.. Only when a man can see clearly that a girl gives every evidence of being a cooperator in his salvation should he entertain ideas of making her his wife.

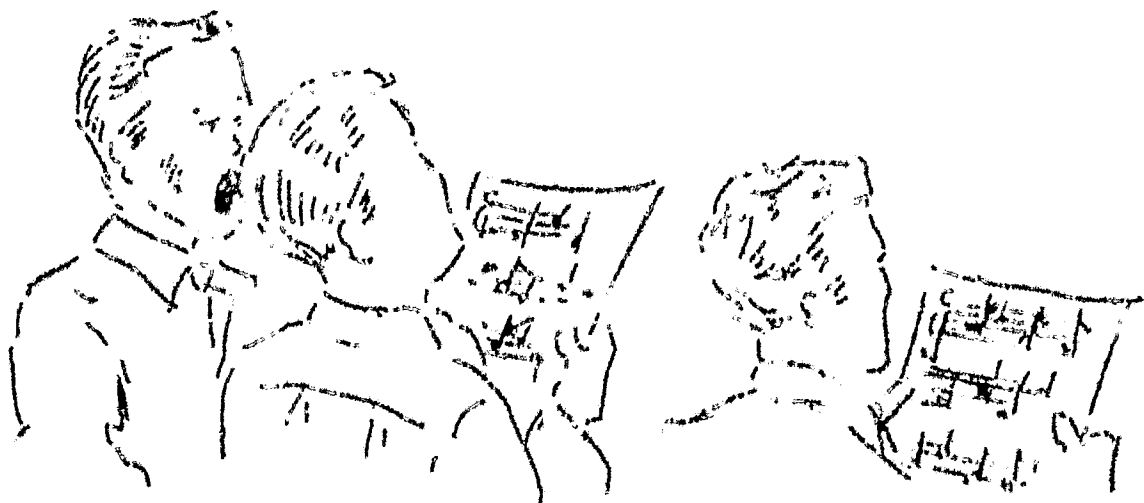
Frederick Ozanam's Ideal (Founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society)

"I feel within me an empty void, which neither friendship nor study can fill entirely. I know not who will fill this empty space, whether it be God, or one of His creatures. If it be a creature, I trust that she will not come too soon, before I have been able to render myself worthy of her. I trust that she will be endowed with all those necessary external graces so as not to leave room later for disillusionment."

"But above all I trust that she will possess solid virtues and a good heart, that she may be worth much more than I am and so draw me upward rather than drag me downhill, that she may make me resolute since I am faint-hearted, that she may be fervent since I am lukewarm, that she may be filled with a sense of compassion so that I may not feel too strongly in her presence my own sense of inferiority. These are my desires, these are my hopes."

Tonight At The Grotto

You owe Our Lady an expression of gratitude for the many blessings she obtained for you during her month of May. Manifest your appreciation tonight by attending the Solemn Closing of May Devotions at the Grotto. Fellow-students will be there, along with the priests, sisters, brothers and seminarians. Head for the Grotto when you hear the church bells ring.



Hymns and Benediction
7:00 P.M. at Grotto ^{WIKH 4pl}
(In church, in case of rain.)