

NOVENA FOR BEGINS

PURITY TOMORROW

For your Novena program do this for nine consecutive days: attend Mass, receive Holy Communion and visit the Grotto.

Begin the Novena with a good confession. These nine days will also be preparation for Christmas.



The Knights of Columbus Clothes Drive will get under way soon.

The offerings you make will be sent to needy persons in Europe. The next time you are in your clothes closet or locker, set aside the articles of clothing you wish to this good cause.

Purity

Purity is simply proper control of the sex instinct. That control demands that one keep his thoughts, words and actions under the direction of reason, and not passion. That is not an easy task. The man who thinks he can be master of himself without the special help of God is doomed to failure; he is sure to fall an easy prey to impurity of every sort.

The purest persons in the world ought to be Catholics. To them, and to them only is given the Sacrament of Purity, namely Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is Christ; it is Christ who comes to work in the recipient's soul. One of Christ's activities in this Sacrament is to lessen the power of passion. The more often one receives Christ, the more will Christ take the sting out of passion and place it under control of reason. The Catholic young man who says he does not need Holy Communion often is either joking or he is a fool.

Don't fall into the great sin of the age -- that of impurity. Every one who loves Christ and purity will make the Novena for Purity which begins tomorrow. The nine days of the Novena means nine days of working with Christ in strengthening yourself in the virtue that is absolutely necessary in making a man a true man. He who is impure is more beast than man. He is hateful to himself as well as to God.

The Brave -- Fun

There is one kind of flight that is not cowardice. It is flight from the occasions of sin, from evil and impure thoughts. This flight is bravery; the bravery that wins. Impurity cannot be trifled with. It is too insidious an enemy of God and man. Flee the very thought of it. Avoid the occasions of it. Put a guard on every sense through which it may enter the soul. It is like a raging flood when you fail to stop the first break in your defenses. The smallest trickle through the dike is dangerous. The flood itself kills every good thought and aspiration. It overflows from one soul to another. It ruins races and peoples and nations. Trace out all the failures of the world and you will find that impurity has the largest toll of victims.

Prayers

(deceased) mother of Al Gross (Wal); Frank Breenan, uncle of Father Tom Brennan, (Al); aunt of Richard Mansfield (BP).

(Ill) mother of Joe Hailer (ex. '49), serious operation; Robert Mason friend of P. Stubbing (St. Eds); brother of Don Hollinghausen (Cav) seriously burned; mother of Tom Adler (Ly), serious. Eight Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.