

(deceased) mother of
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(Ill) mother of Jack Wagner
(Dil); brother and mother
of Vince Rauth (Ly).

Are You In Love? (IV)

Most important of all, you cannot really love anyone, even God, without grace and the supernatural virtue of charity. You cannot properly love your wife or husband, or your sweetheart, without God's help. That is why you wonder somewhere along the line what has gone wrong with your marriage or your courtship that you are not as happy in it as you thought you would be. The mistake you made was that in your immersion in each other you forgot Christ and the fact that you are heirs to the fault of Adam. You thought to go it alone, and you could not.

Will loving Christ make you love each other less? Only try it and you will see how, loving Christ and each other in Him, you will love as you never loved before. Loving someone as a person perfects and elevates your love of his or her body and mind; you must see now that unless you both love Christ you cannot keep your love for each other from descending to a base plane, and your marriage from degenerating slowly into boredom. You will be lonely because only Christ can be with you always, in or out of the person of your sweetheart, husband or wife. Only Christ can really fill your heart. In other words, do not expect the impossible of human love for, like everything else that is human, frailty is of its essence.

There are some who will say that love should not be so closely examined, that it ought not to be taken apart, its nakedness exposed to prying eyes. On the other hand, there are those who will wish that more exact indexes had been given by which they could measure and test their love.

To the first group, by far the larger, belong the young persons who have been misled, by Hollywood and the endless stream of pulp literature, into believing that love is that great emotion, la grande passion of the French, which must be simply let to have its way. They think that to question it is impious, to try to control it is to be unworthy of it. They accept Kahlil Gibran's dictum: "And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course." But this applies only when you are in love, not when you only think you are. If you jump into marriage, you make the mistake of your life. For you the final word is: Go slow!

To the second group belong the overcautious and timid souls who want a safe bet on everything. They wish to be absolutely certain. And so, with the clumsy tools of youth and inexperience they approach love much as little Johnny tackles daddy's alarm clock with a hammer and screw driver to find out what makes it tick. The chances are it will stop ticking. They hesitate until it is too late and then, sometimes, reversing the play, they marry anyone at all. To them the final word is: Be willing to take a chance, for love, like almost everything else, is a bit of a gamble. But, having made your choice, do not look back.

Between the extremes, I am sure you will agree, is where you ought to place yourself. Be neither foolish therefore, nor afraid! (Catholic Digest, Feb.)

Dillon To Alumni.

The contractor has already started to repair the ceiling in the Dillon Hall Chapel. Alumni Hall Chapel will be used in the morning for the 7:20 Mass, late Communions and for confessions, until Dillon is reconditioned. In the evening, Dillon Chapel will be used for confessions. Press the buzzer as usual. The Dillon Chapel is somewhat torn up, but there are seats available, and the Blessed Sacrament is there after 6:30 P.M. Alumni is next to Dillon. A door off the sidewalk leads right to the chapel.