

Feast of Christ the King University of Notre Damefor confession. Go now:
next Sunday. Please do not Religious Bulletin Dillon and Cavanaugh chapels
wait until Sunday morning... October ~~26~~²⁷, 1949 7:30 till 10:00 p.m. Every nite.

"The Vocation of Marriage" (Con'd).
(By Frederick Frans)

Last Thursday Frederick Frans told you about the necessity of understanding the meaning of your "call" from God--first to sanctity, then to that sanctity by way of your own particular vocation, whether that "call" be to marriage, religious life, priesthood, or dedicated single life. He continues about marriage:

My wife won't mind if I tell you that I was first drawn to her by a charming little lilting note that is part of her laughter and that to me at least makes her laughter fresher and happier and more delightful than any laughter in the world. I like to think that God gave her that laughter, and He so fashioned me that I would be drawn to that laughter. When I knew her better, I came to love all that was womanly in her, a gentleness of mind and heart, a....well, all those things that make her her.

None of your treatises on love will ever exactly put a finger on just what it is that makes a man love one girl of all girls in such a way that he wants her of all the world, that he wants to give all of himself to her and receive all of her in return unto a perfect unity. Why should she desire that complete oneness with me and I with her? Maybe I know. Maybe that last unexplainable thing is God's finger, God's voice, His vocation, His calling.

When I get to Heaven, the first thing I'm going to do is buttonhole Saint Paul and ask him to explain fully that way he had of comparing the love and unity of Christ for and with His Church to the love and unity of husband and wife. Did he imply that outside the love of a man for his God, the closest and most perfect of human loves is the love of husband and wife? Did he mean that it is above and more complete than the love of friends, than love of parents for children and children for parents?

God called us (Mary and me and all married people) to that pure, beautiful complete union, that oneness of love which is to stand before the world as the perpetual symbol of the Mystical Body, of the close oneness that exists between Christ and His Church.

He called us to a sharing in a Sacrament, one of His seven. More than that, He called us to be the ministers of a Sacrament to each other. When we clasped hands it was almost as though the very life of Christ was flowing from her into me and from me into her. Christ was the bond of union between us. It was Christ who made us one. All our life long we have remained channels for each other. I have to keep myself fine and pure for her lest the channel be clogged and Mary's soul suffer.

I'm thinking that God must consider our married vocation highly important if He made it a Sacrament, if through his Sacrament He gives us a pledge that He Himself will always be at hand to help us with His grace to carry out all the duties of our state, to help us achieve the perfection of that unity which our love at the Altar that day only aspired to. (Concluded next week.)

Remarks: Floyd Blair was operated Tuesday. He is improving but needs your continual prayers to get him back on his feet. He suffered a severe concussion and was practically blind for over a week...Plan Holy Communion on the Feast of Christ the King next Sunday--but don't wait until Sunday morning for confession. Go now.

Prayers: (Deceased) Grandmother of Bob Hoenig (O-C) ILL: Joe Benda, '27; sister of Ray Martin (Sor); Jack Miles, '47; Seriously Ill: Sister of Sister Sanctina c.s.c., Ill--Sister Francina; Aunt of Bill Toomey (M). Special Intentions--7. Thanksgiving --2.