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This Week: The Marriage Institute

For Seniors -- and others contemplating marriage very soon -- this could be a big week. Most of them have learned by discussion, by observation, and by listening to experienced authorities, that marriage and the family involve many problems. In our day, the socio-medical aspects are as critical as the economic.

Furthermore, modern family life, even of Catholics, has been so secularized that religious Christians stand "as lonely islanders beating off the angry waves of paganism which seeks to engulf them. Marriage today is for many not a moral, social, God-orientated institution with altruistic purposes; too frequently it is a private agreement, controlled by man himself."

Preparation for any career calls for a study of the factors involved. Marriage is a career that has its terminus in heaven or in hell. Marriage involves personalities, immortal souls, laws of God, behaviour patterns, economics, physical make-ups, and a huge amount of self-sacrifice. This you will discover at the Marriage Institute, where you will hear capable leaders and the voice of experience describe the many facets that make marriage a lovely, shining gem. You will also discover the unlovely old clinkers that extinguish the fire of love. You will discover that many doctors can be a moral menace today, not only because they are pagan, but also by reason of the naive devotion some modern patients pay to "what my doctor says." You'll discover that bad morals can even make for bad medicine.

The Sacramental aspects of marriage will be an eye-opener for more than one of you.

You're fortunate to have someone to guide you wisely in this matter. You will be wise if you make the most of this opportunity, and at a time when it can do the most good. The nominal fee makes this part of your education a must.

In many matters regarding marriage, the Church stands alone today. Come over to the institute and discover why -- so that you won't have to bury your head in the sand when the "liberals" begin to spout their enlightened views. You'll find out why a teacher -- divinely inspired and protected from error -- holds the original viewpoint in the face of all arguments of convenience. And you'll come away with a little more respect for the Church, too realizing that She is a continuation of Christ Himself, divinely enlightened, and preserved from error -- and eminently worth following in all that pertains to Faith and Morals.

And That's Not All

To supplement the lectures at the institute, we have procured a battery of pamphlets relating to marriage -- many of them answers to the questions you invariably ask. Drop in at Dillon and scan the pamphlet room outside the chapel. You'll find them helpful and enlightening. It's appropriate that we have this material at our elbow during Lent -- a season for serious thought, and serious reading, and prayer. All this will help you observe the wise old adage directed at those in love -- "If possible, keep your head!" And don't worry about the price of the pamphlets. Take what you need -- we've already paid for them. And after you read them, send them on to the girl friend -- or to one of the chums with whom you argued the point at some time or other. It's very important to be correct about these matters.

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PRAYERS - Deceased: Sister Louisita, CSC; grandfather of Richard Murphy of Lyons; grandmother of Roger Kelly of Cavanaugh; father of Brother Eli (Post Office); aunt of Jim Bretz of Fisher; Mrs. Wm. P. McEvoy, and 3 other deceased persons. Ill: sister-in-law of "Slip" Madigan; grandmother of Don Gillies of Zahm; Ed Cech (polio)<sup>1951</sup>; Frank Stuart, '43 (polio); friend of Bob McCarthy of Lyons.