Tonight: Don't miss the
Bengal Bouts. The fighters
are in top shape. And...

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Praying To St. Joseph For Purity

Notre Dame is just down-to-earth enough to enlist your interest in praying to St.
Joseph these days for the virtue of purity. Not that you're a particularly vicious-
minded outfit, understand. Rather, it is because we live in a world that is materialis-
tic -- where a Cadillac means culture, and a vitamin is virtue. Bodily comfort can
become the main objective of life. Pleasure can, in this atmosphere, become the yard-
stick of what is good; while pain is regarded as the only evil to be avoided.

Some months ago, an Indiana professor came up with statistics to prove that many men
and women, to a very great extent, have abandoned the old code of morality. This
proves, in Kinsey's estimation, that the Christian regulations are outmoded; and that
the Church should re-appraise its views on morality; that society be allowed to form
its own sex code.

It would almost seem that Kinsey had never heard that Christian morality comes not
from society, but from Christ Whose authority is accepted by us because He proved
Himself to be God. Kinsey would take a poll; and if the majority didn't like one or
two, or all of the Commandments -- why, then we would do away with them.

But voting against the Ten Commandments is like voting against water being liquid,
or stones being hard, or ice being cold. No, our vote changes nothing.

Don't for a minute, think that you are immune to this atmosphere of materialistic
reasoning, or that your emotions cannot be disturbed, or that your desires cannot
become unruly, or your passions cannot revolt against the narrow confines of God's
laws regarding sex.

Walk down any street, pick up any newspaper, glance through almost any book, or
comic sheet. You quickly find out how easily this poisonous air can assail you;
and how easily particles of this tainted atmosphere can get into your own thinking
processes. There's nothing new about this situation, at all. Men have been battling
their lower natures ever since the day of Original Sin -- when the mind was darkened,
the will weakened, and our passions assumed an attitude of revolt.

We Need Some Help

Purity is the virtue that begets a right attitude toward sex. It doesn't ignore
sex, but rather sets our mind and heart straight on the matter. It tells us that
sex is a good and holy thing because it was created by God. It tells us that God
has confined its use and its pleasure to the holy state of marriage; and even there
it continues as a virtue under the protective mantle of genuine love.

Young men have strong bodily appetites -- for food, for pleasure, for comfort. With
the help of God's grace -- through self knowledge, self-denial, and self control -- we
can conquer our appetites and bring them under subjection to conform with God's law.

But you can't do it alone. It takes courage to practice self-denial. And it is only
through God's grace that you will acquire this courage, make no mistake about it.
Purity is a rugged, manly virtue -- reserved for strong men who possess a strength
that comes most readily from self-denial. We suggest you offer your Mass, Communion,
and Rosary, the next five days for the graces you need most in your individual life
regarding the virtue of purity.

FRAYERS -- Deceased: Judge Kickham Scanlon; mother of Herman Lienect of Zahm; friend
of Arden Norton of Cavanaugh; grandmother of Dick Cook of Alumni; mother of Brother
Marcellinus, CSC (Postmaster); father of John Mutant of Dillon, Ill; uncle of Bill
Kilburg of Alumni; father of Myles Walshe of Cavanaugh. 2 Special Intentions.