

Knights of Columbus, Missouri Council Scholarship

Dear Impurity,

I know who you are. You're a liar, a tempter, and a robber. You sell empty promises of pleasure and happiness, but all you really give is sin and sadness. Individuals are robbed of their dignity and worth as children of God by you, and are merely seen as objects of sexual pleasure. You go against God's plan for sexuality between a man and a woman in a faithful marriage. People engage in your acts, which harm themselves and others. You help spread terrible diseases, and lead women into situations where they choose to end the lives of beautiful and innocent unborn children. People try to avoid your consequences by taking contraceptives, which contradicts God's plan by stopping new life from being created. I know your voice is loud in today's world. It's in the movies and TV shows society watches, and the magazines, books, and songs that are everywhere. Your voice tries to influence my thoughts by permeating my real and digital world.

Yes, Impurity, your voice might be loud, but I choose to listen to a different voice. I choose to listen to God's voice calling me to the pure freedom of chastity. Many people think chastity confines them, but it keeps me free from the slavery of sins you tempt me to commit. I know that if I fall to you, I harm my dignity and anyone else's involved, I am going to promise you something you may not like. Today and every day, I will fight against you as hard as I can in order to choose chastity. I know this choice is right because it will help me never feel the need to harm unborn lives or take contraceptives. You and your rotten fruits defy God, whose plan fills me with joy and helps me reach Heaven. Impurity, you may think I am just a young, weak, and naïve girl on my own, but I have God with me. He will give me the strength to resist you, choose chastity, and respect all lives born and unborn.

Sincerely,

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