

Mary Forristal Hennessy Scholarship

After receiving my Polish sausage, I sit on a wooden bench and give thanks for the meal. From my seat I witness tens of thousands of people milling around the Mall in Washington, D.C., waiting for the Pro-Life March to start. We will be marching to oppose abortion, but more than that, we can be examples of how living chastely can help people respect life and end abortion.

At the March, we are united in our understanding that chastity is part of God's plan for life. We need to treat ourselves like a work of art made by God. Some basic ways to practice chastity are by watching appropriate movies, listening to good music, and not telling any dirty jokes. Chastity includes respecting others as living human beings and being kind to them. Having this knowledge of chastity, we can come to realize that everything God made is beautiful and wonderful. Humans are the *piece de resistance* of God's creation. We need to treat others like we want to be treated, somewhat like a gold artifact of great value. It is no wonder why we call it "The Golden Rule".

Chastity and respect for life are the two key components that, if everyone understood, would lead to an end to abortion and save an untold number of human beings. Our nation was founded so people could live their own lives as God intended. God is everywhere in America's foundation. We hear it in the Pledge of Allegiance; one nation under God, not one nation under man. God's will is what we are called to do, killing innocent humans is not a part of it. We need to stop abortion by learning how to be haste and how to respect life.

On that bench enjoying my Polish sausage, I await the start of the March for Life and I feel inspired. By love and joyful witness, we can change the hearts of many. We can practice the daily virtue of chastity. In this way we can regard all life as important and do our part to end abortion.

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