

The legalization of abortion is a national problem which has affected many lives over forty-five years. Due to people not respecting the virtue of chastity, this has made abortion more than just a legal problem, but also a moral problem.

Chastity means the state or quality of being chaste; to be chaste means to respect ourselves and others, and treat our bodies like temples of the Holy Spirit. The world today tries to make us believe that chastity is something of the past. If people accept this mentality, they will sin. Every sin lessens our relationship with God and leads people to unhappiness. When people are unhappy, they develop disruptive behaviors. One of these behaviors is being promiscuous or looking for acceptance using our bodies. This is why there is the acceptance of premarital sex. What people do not understand is the loneliness they are experiencing is the lack of a relationship with God, and being physical with another person will never replace emptiness from God.

People participating in premarital sex run the risk of an unplanned pregnancy. If a pregnancy takes place, many times they opt for an abortion. Abortion may change the physical presence of a human being, however, it only pushes the person further away from God, further away from true happiness. After an abortion, a person's mental and emotional health is at stake. There are lasting feelings of guilt, anxiety, grief, and sometimes depression, not to mention they have killed an innocent human being.

A person can only achieve happiness by having a fruitful relationship with God. This relationship is only fulfilled following the commandments, reading Scripture and daily prayer. Along with all of this, we need to remember how important living a chaste life is. God invites all of us into this relationship with Him, the difference is will we accept the invitation or not.

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