

Respect Life Apostolate Steubenville Scholarship

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word"

-Psalm 119:9

Heavenly Father,

From your image we are created to spread your endless love to others. You teach us to have healthy, loving relationships with our peers. We must use your incredible gift of love carefully. We cannot be reckless or take this blessing for granted. In today's world, this can be a difficult task. Chastity helps to ensure that we stay pure and live in your image.

Please remind us that living a chaste life leads to good, healthy, loving relationships with our peers. Keep fresh in our minds the importance of protecting the precious gift of life. Abortion is used as a scapegoat for many who feel scared or helpless. Help guide the men and women who partake in abortion back towards our Heavenly Father. Remind them that it is never too late to turn things around and ask for forgiveness.

Thank you for constantly guiding and leading us in the right direction. You are the answer to everything and the key to happiness. Please help the lost gain a better understanding of what it truly means to be chaste. Though remaining abstinent may be a challenge, every child is worth more, so if we have to make certain sacrifices in order to keep God's children safe and well provided for, so be it. Bring us towards You in our words, thoughts, and actions.

Help us to abstain from indulging in our temptations and remaining chaste, even though it may be difficult in the time we live in. Guide me away from advertisements, films, books, and so on that describe the body as a piece of property or an object, instead of a sacred creation meant for love. Help us to use our bodies for love, passion, and allowing us to bring more of your children into this world. Though we may want to give in to temptations, sometimes our world isn't about what we want, it's about what God wants. We must do what is good for us and others. Give us strength and encouragement that doing what is morally right will pay off when we finally come face to face with our God in heaven.

Amen.

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Queen of all Saints