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Catholic Guidance Given In Current Events By Verein

(Because of the profound delusion upon resolutions of the Catholic Central Verein and their timeliness they will be reproduced in this column from time to time.)

Chastity is Positive
ST. LOUIS A comparison between the degraded moral conditions of ancient Greece and Rome and those obtaining in our country today is drawn in a resolution held in New York City. The convention statement on chastity and morals, urged the Nation draw closer to God especially during the present crisis. It recommends, further, that the virtue of chastity be presented in a positive rather than negative fashion. The text of the resolution follows:

The increasing divorce rate so large a number of objectionable motion pictures and stage plays, the lowered tone found in newspapers and magazines including some of the better-class publications, the deplorable moral standard of a considerable number of the so-called comic sections of our newspapers, which amuse seem calculated to pervert the children and youth of our nation, have become a matter of grave concern to the members of the hierarchy educators and serious minded people in general, not only of the Catholic Faith but of other Faiths as well.

Not was the radio escaped the degrading influences of the times, certain of the serial stories and "comedies" programs, and even some of the advertisements, are hardly fit subjects for discussion in mixed company, to say nothing of the family circle. An increasing number of people are recognizing the similarity of the degraded moral standards of our day and the unchecked corruption and vice of ancient Greece and Rome, which promoted the decline and fall of the ancient world.

Let us draw closer to God, especially during the present world upheaval rather than follow the crowd denying recognition of their responsibility to the Creator. And let our members by their example counteract the prevalent conditions by upholding chastity and the Christian principles of morality. Let us, in our families and in our parishes and societies demonstrate the positive benefits deriving from these principles, for the edification of our fellow men.

We can help young people particularly not only by teaching and preaching purity and chastity to them as a series of "Thou shalt not's" but also by presenting these virtues in a fine, positive manner, by glorifying them, picturing them as ideals of great beauty and attractiveness.

In the words of Father Felix Kirsch, O.F.M.Cap. of the Catholic University of America, we can urge our young people to view not only their own bodies but also the body of every other human being they may meet as a beautiful and sacred trust, as a literal "Temple of the Holy Ghost," a vital member of the Mystical Body of Christ. The realization of the glorious dignity and beauty, individual as well as social, thus associated with the human body should be a strong positive motive for the promotion and preservation of purity and chastity.

K. OF C. GROUP CONDEMNS USE OF WORD 'XMAS'

The custom of abbreviating the spelling of Christmas to the "pagan form of Xmas" was soundly condemned in a resolution and plan of action passed at the recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council of East St. Louis, Ill.

The resolution pointed to the religious significance of Christmas and the Birth of Christ and that in recent years the season has been converted into a "season of commercial gains" with the commemoration of the day itself "relegated to the scrap heap of things old-fashioned."

Stating that it has become common practice to abbreviate Christmas to "Xmas," the resolution asked all members and all Catholic to discontinue the use of this form in business with the public and in private matters, and that business associates and friends be asked to follow the same practice.

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