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Selected text taken from his presentation at the 2013 Indianapolis March for Life.

*Today I'd like to discuss two very important topics that have played a tremendous part in developing our modern view of sexuality: patience and innovation. They may sound like sort of an odd pair, but together their use or lack of use, has been a major cause in the transformation of our once great country. First I want to start by speaking about innovation, but before we can delve into how it has shaped our country, we have to define it. You see, when I think of innovation, I define it simply as "The improving of the improvable." What this means is that in order to improve something, it has to first be imperfect in some way, and second, we must have the means to reduce that imperfection.*

*This begs the question, "Can we improve our sexuality?" As it is a God-given gift, we must come to the conclusion that our sexuality cannot be improved, because to do so would mean claiming God is imperfect. Yet even in our world today, our desire to innovate has stretched into this realm as well. The world has viewed our sexuality as needing improvement...as needing innovation. Humanity has always sought to improve what we could in ourselves, but while we put on makeup, get particular haircuts and work out, these actions don't fundamentally change who we are. Nevertheless, as a culture we have looked upon our sexuality and discovered that it isn't easy to follow God's design. It isn't easy to wait for marriage, it isn't easy to deal with children, and it isn't easy to deal with the struggles and trials that come with being human. These are not imperfections, however, but rather our imposed belief that because something requires work or waiting, it must be faulty.*

*This brings us to the idea of patience. While we've all grown up practicing this virtue, our modern society has put a cap on patience. We've convinced ourselves that patience is good most of the time, but hey...there's an exception here and there. Everything these days is about instant gratification. The connection that people fail to make, however, is that this impatience isn't just harmful for impatience's sake...it leads to the general cheapening of our society. What do I mean by this? Well let me give you an example. Say Mr. Smith wants the latest LED TV. He's so insistent on getting this technology, until he sees the price. Although it's expensive, he doesn't want to wait a couple more months for some more paychecks to come through. So what do we do? We drop the quality, lower the price, and Mr. Smith can go home with the TV today at a lower price that he can afford.*

*The same thing has happened to our ideas of sexuality. Our society has begun to view it as something to improve for those who don't like the cost or who don't want to wait for the right time. Now we are told because of contraception, we don't have to worry about unplanned pregnancy. We don't have to wait until marriage. But in essence, we have only cheapened our sexuality. We have "improved" it to the point where we have lost all the meaning behind it. We no longer have the dignified purposes of procreation and love. Now we have the modern "perfection" of our sexuality in a form that completely contradicts the Creator's intentions. If we are to return dignity to our sexuality, we must look backward to a time when we treated it with such an attitude. Sometimes, in order to truly innovate, we must look back before we can look forward. It's up to each of us to change society's view of sexuality and return it to a mentality where we respect our sexuality as sacred and God given. It's time we treated our sexuality for what it's truly worth. (Shortened from a longer speech)*

#### The Chastity Rosary

No colors evoke deeper sentiments than white and red. White is the color of innocence and virginity.

It recalls the purity of Baptism, First Communion and wedding days. Red is the color of courage and martyrdom.

It conjures images of Christ's passion, of blood spilt in concentration camps, of the martyrdom of the unborn in abortion.

In our own century St. Faustina witnessed the white and red rays of Our Lord's merciful heart and Our Blessed Mother offered St. Maximillian Kolbe the white crown of chastity and the red crown of martyrdom; he embraced both.

In the new millennium, young people are challenged as was St. Maximillian Kolbe. Like him they are called to the white crown of chastity and the red crown of courage. The chastity rosary is a depiction of youth's mission. Each rosary is white with a single red bead. Through Our Lady's intercession, therefore the white flower of purity is preserved. Only a single red bead remains as a stark reminder of the bloody reparation for God's mercy extends to all who are repentant. We encourage young people, indeed all people, to use the chastity rosary as a sign of their consecration to the Blessed Mother and their commitment to chastity and the pro-life movement.

The Feast of the Annunciation March 25, 1999

([tinyurl.com/chastityrosary](http://tinyurl.com/chastityrosary))

# Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church – Spiritual Adoption Program 2014

## Month 2

In the January, 2014 Life Notes, we invited all parishioners to join as one voice in prayer in the Spiritual Adoption Program. (See brochures in Pro-Life information rack.) The following prayer was recommended by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be said every day for a period of one year to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion:

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted,  
who is in danger of abortion.”*

For new readers, during the next nine months, we will highlight the developmental stages of our spiritually adopted parish baby. Please refer to online sources of [hearts4life.org](http://hearts4life.org) & [lifeissues.org](http://lifeissues.org)

***Saturday, January 4, 2014 – Today, I am conceived, smaller than a grain of salt, in the likeness and image of God. This one cell contains my genetic blueprint for every detail of human development; if I am a boy or a girl, my hair and eye color, my height and my skin tone. All of this happened in an instant. It is a miracle. I will spend the next nine months in the shadowy, warm, watery world of my mommy’s womb. Over the next 30 days, the foundations of my brain, spinal cord and nervous system are laid. My heart begins to beat. My eyes begin to develop. My ears and lungs begin to form. I am growing so quickly. Thank you, Holy Rosary people for praying for me.***

***Saturday, February 1, 2014 – Hello, Holy Rosary people. I am your spiritually adopted baby. I am four weeks old now. Last week, my heart started beating! In a couple of days, my two arms will make their appearance and soon after that, my legs will bud. My mouth will start to take shape and my nose will start to develop. My thyroid gland begins to grow. The blood that flows in my veins is separate from my mommy’s blood. My tongue will begin to form and my face will make its first appearance. Please continue to pray for me and please, pray for my mommy that she takes care of herself.***

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Ongoing – Prayerful witness at Affiliated Women’s Service (see bulletin for detail)  
February 1 & 2 Masses – Completion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bottles for Life Campaign  
February 22 – Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession (see bulletin for details)  
March 6 - 5th Annual Archdiocesan Sanctity of Life Dinner (more details to follow)

### **Resources for Holy Rosary young women & men and their parents**

Practical Advice for a Pure Life - ([lifeteen.com/practical-advice-for-a-pure-life/](http://lifeteen.com/practical-advice-for-a-pure-life/))  
Lust vs. Love - ([lifeteen.com/lust-vs-love/](http://lifeteen.com/lust-vs-love/))  
I Will Wait: Mumford & Sons and Purity - ([lifeteen.com/i-will-wait-mumford-and-sons-and-purity/](http://lifeteen.com/i-will-wait-mumford-and-sons-and-purity/))  
20 Ways for Young Women to Claim the Respect They Deserve – ([onemoresoul.com](http://onemoresoul.com))  
20 Ways for Young Men to Become REAL Men – ([onemoresoul.com](http://onemoresoul.com))  
Chastity – What are you saying Yes to? – ([onemoresoul.com](http://onemoresoul.com))  
American Life League: Sex Education – A Parent’s Right. A Parent’s Responsibility – ([all.org](http://all.org))  
Theology of the Body - ([thetheologyofthebody.com](http://thetheologyofthebody.com))  
Theology of the Body for Teens - ([thetheologyofthebody.com/information/teens](http://thetheologyofthebody.com/information/teens))  
Jason & Crystalina Evert’s Youtube Channel - ([youtube.com/jasonevert](http://youtube.com/jasonevert))  
Catholic Answers Chastity Outreach - ([chastity.com](http://chastity.com))  
\*Please share these resources with your friends!\*

### **Opportunity for action – for your discernment**

The Chastity Project - a ministry of Jason and Crystalina Evert that promotes the virtue of chastity through seminars, resources, clubs, and social media. ([chastityproject.com](http://chastityproject.com))  
*A Promise to Keep* - a special program of the Office of Catholic Education that helps to educate adolescents on the benefits of chastity and the gift of human sexuality. (<http://oce.archindy.org/a-promise-to-keep.aspx>)

**Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.**

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