

"Adriano, do you think—do you think—"he whispered.

"Very rarely," replied Adriano, solemnly.

"WHY PRIESTS DO NOT WED."

Father Xavier Enlightens a Non-Catholic Audience at Our Mother of Sorrows' Church.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times. The free lectures to non-Catholics at the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows...

On Tuesday evening the subject was, "Why Priests Do Not Wed." The congregation formed an interesting study as its component parts differed in...

How was it in the Old Law given to Moses? It was death for any of the Levites to exercise their functions unless prepared for them by the practice of this virtue.

Then again from the words of Sacred Scripture we learn that the life of celibacy or virginity chosen for God's sake is a higher life than the married state.

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unmarried person is bound by temporal celibacy. Perpetual celibacy is that which I have assumed, which is assumed by every religious.

Now as to the law of the Church. No one who is married can be ordained a priest. No priest can ever enter into married state.

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spectable men amongst them. But let us take what we see in the newspapers. Do we ever find married men going astray?

Do we ever find them tried for immorality and dismissed? We find such cases coming up repeatedly. Does marriage destroy that passion?

Would it not be wrong for me to say that marriage is the cause of immorality and is it not wrong for you to say so of celibacy?

Would God have encouraged chastity if it were impossible? Yet He commanded the prophet Jeremiah never to marry.

Would He have done so if it were not possible? Have you not found, as I have found among non-Catholics as well as Catholics, many of your acquaintances as pure as the dewdrops, chaste and mortal?

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