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CHATS WITH YOUNG

## MEN

## MOTHER'S DAY

Let every mother's son not forget to wear on Mother's Day the white flower betokening love for whom, after God, he owes devotion. On Mother's Day, the wanderer from the roof tree of home reverts tear. fully to other times when the little family encircled the board where mother's good things smiled or streamed. On Mother's Day, those at home should sing sweet songs to Her brow may wear a wrinkle, her who in the olden time gave lullabies that hushed fears and invited quiet slumber. Don't get mad at mother

Mother ! There is no dearer name Mother, who is the personification of It's a privilege she possesses Mother, who is incarnate sacrifice. love. Mother, who is the light of the And perhaps beneath her worry; home. Mother, whose hands never grow tired, whose heart never weak She's the same old lovely mother ens in solicitude. Mother, whose zealous work is prayer, whose prayer is zealous work. Mother, who first told us of God, who first pointed to When her cares and w Heaven. Mother, a heavenly name, for it tells us of Him Who was all devotion to Blessed Mary, Queen of May, as she is Queen of the countless thousands who sing forever in Heaven the story of the Christ.-Catholic Columbian.

## THE KIND OF GIRL TO CHOOSE

"Pick out a nice Catholic girl. It will take you a couple of years to get her. Give her a good time. Don't be a tightwad, but spend a little will take you a couple of years to get be a tightwad, but spend a little money on her." Thus Father O'Malley, S. J.,

Thus Father O'Malley, S. O., exhorted young men at the close of a mission, a fortnight ago, at St. Ghunch Kapsas City, Mo. We'll have to try to call on her Young men are always eager to listen to a straight from the shoulder said, "make a visit," but Marie had listen to a straight from-the-shoulder talk on this subject from a priest forgotten the words. who can see their point of view and After a few turns who can see their point of view and understands the human problems up and down the front porch, Marie confront them. which Father O'Malley, as his discourse proves, was just of the kind to gain the con-

fidence of the younger people. "Of course," he explained, "I know "Of course," he explained, "I know with the high cost of living it is kind washing the lunch dishes in the of rash for me to talk about matrimony for young men, but the older I become, the more convinced I am that there is only one thing for a young man to do and that is to seek a life partner.

Father O'Malley knew that marriage is directly the young man's holding it with the waistband in business, and that it is the latter front of her she climbed into it. It's whose future happiness, both temporal and eternal, is at stake. He didn't propose to interfere with girl happens to be very chubby. But what was strictly the young man's with the help of a great black pin, business, but he did intend to give hearers some practical moral and material counsel, based on his knowledge of human nature and to her waist. experience with men. Right from e start, he expresses sympathy for the young man's economic problems.

When you get into manhood's estate," he then continued, "go pick out some nice. girl-one of our Catholic girls. We have a fine lot of rain should be provided against, so Catholic girls, and they are not all with quite a lot of trouble she finally going to the convent, either. A great many of them want to marry, the stand. but you don't expect them to marry a man unless he is a real man. You don't suppose that a girl's packages from the store became more father is going to let her marry a and more of a question with Marie. man unless he has got some of the characteristics of a real man. A man loves his wife, but he dotes on his little daughter. She is the one finally had to put it in the doll carobject of his affection, and when a riage, where it stuck out its long man comes to take that little darling, leg. you may be sure that father is going Streets that are not your own to thoroughly examine him and be street look very different when you

to have at least a good husband. s only one thing for a Ever man to do-keep pious and pure. If A lone grocery wagon rattled by and through life. the driver boy called out : "Hello there, little girl!" you are getting a small salary, try and save a little of it. If the girl is Marie glowered at him. "Not a little girl. I'm lady," she muttered, with such obstacles at every turn willing to take a chance with you, God will bless you. It is better to be pure and good than to have a big When she reached the steps of the church, Marie lifted Clementina out need a powerful help to keep them salary and be wicked. Your old father when he married didn't have much. Your salary now, even though it is a poor one, is about three times as much as he had when had taught her, but all the time her he was married. He put his trust in God. "Women don't abandon their husbands on account of poverty. You might occasionally find one, but end of an aisle. It was like finding a she is rare. A Catholic woman will friend in a strange land. stand by a man as long as he isn't "Come, Clementina," she said to selfish or spending his money at a her doll, "we going to make a call bar or running around with other on our Blessed Mother.' women. She will stand up and go down with him in battle. altar step, and then turned to face You shouldn't expect to get a the statue. "Pretty warm for this time o' year," she said. "How is your Child? Clem-entina is quite well, thank you." millionaire's daughter. Pick out some girl of your own kind. Find a woman of piety and devotion; a woman who puts her trust in Jesus There was a little pause, then : 'Oh, no, please don't bother to get Christ ; who, while you are working, is praying. It isn't the energy of man that makes the home successanything. We just had our lunch." Soon the position of the statue of her intercessory power. ful, but the man must use all of his struck her. Why don't you put Him to bed for His afternoon nap?" ability. We have to use every natural talent that God gave us, but at the It was time then for Marie's own same time we must put all our con-fidence in God. A man that under-The church was very still and a was getting increasingly secondly, the watchfulness and assistnap. The church was very still and Marie was getting increasingly takes something for the love of God, drowsy.

comfort and salvation and heaven church I saw Clementina's carriage when you die, and it means the same for those who may be born of your wedlock."-The Echo. taken. I ran inside." OUR'BOYS AND GIRLS husband.

But a smile is on her lip.

If she seems a little cross ;

As the manager, and boss ;

And her temper stern and ill-

Maybe mother has her dream

And it fades as yours does often,

And her many hours go wrong And she can't be always smiling

THE LITTLE LADY

Nor forever hum a song.

cause May is her month."

DON'T BE MAD AT MOTHER altar step — safe with her other Mother."—Rae Dickerson, Don't be mad at mother When her patience seems to break Neath the thousand little duties That she does for childhood's sake; GENERAL INTENTION If she scolds a bit when worried,

### If her temper seems to slip ; FOR MAY RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE

BENEDICT XV. THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY

A wise traveller, about to cross an With a heart that loves you still. leaky or a worm-eaten vessel. Before setting out he will look for a When her cares and worries seem To fret her and arouse herthe lashing of the waves ; he will choose a route exempt from rocks and floating mines and submarines. If he takes these precautions, he displays mere worldly wisdom, made obvious in an age of danger zones -Baltimore Sun and ocean perils, and as a result he

stands an excellent chance of reaching the end of his journey. The spread throughout the world and counts its members by millions. "This," said Marie as she tucked which is uppermost in a traveller's mind should suggest a lesson of selfpreservation in the spiritual order as well ; for we, too, are travellers-pil-These were the very words that turbulent ocean of life. Dangers of

malice of men, others the result of still our own weaknesses, lurk hidden from our view ; we know not the day nor the hour when a fatal rock or premature plunge may send us to longed for some new amusement. Why not pretend to be a really-truly port of heaven, and happy are they mother with a long skirt, and take her doll to church? Quietly Marie who learn to appreciate this great truth before it is too late.

One of the safest means provided by our Mother the Church for makkitchen. Marie creaked up the stairs, ing the formidable journey through and tip-toed into her mother's room. life is membership in a Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, an organ-In the closet hung an old skirt of her mother's that she knew she was ization which possibly is not as well known as it ought to be by the great quite welcome to. With the help of a chair she was

majority of Catholics. Viewed from the outside, the Sodality differs very able to get it off the hook. Then little from numerous other organiza tions in the Church ; it is looked on hard to adjust a lady's size waist merely as a reunion of pious folk, the tenor of whose lives makes them about a little girl, even if the little worthy of esteem. But if we wish with the help of a great black pin, Marie finally managed her task. to get a closer view of this admirable society, and have a clear notion of the object for which it was estab-Then with a large shiny safety pin she attached a folded handkerchief lished, we must study the documents

To go down the stairs with a skirt to pull and trail behind you is to know what it is to be grown up. In century. We shall learn from these the hall there was a great umbrella, unrolled. Marie decided that for such a long trip as she was planning which distinguish it from other managed to get the umbrella out of

How mother ever managed long skirts, a go-cart, an umbrella and She grew so tired of wheeling the carriage and trying to walk with the hig, unwieldly umbrella that she Mary.

convinced that his little girl is going go down them alone, with no mother or father to hide the view.

honor her in many empty except your umbrella. Oh, I was a very frightened mother, but hoping against hope that Marie was in the church and had not been taken I ran inside." offices in their behalf. This protec-Yes, dear, and then ?" asked her | tion of Mary gives the various means mentioned a moment ago an irresisti-Then I saw her fast as leep on the ble efficacy and permits the faithful ar step — safe with her other Sodalist to be consoled and strength.

ened by the assertion of the great St. Bernard, "A child of Mary shall not perish." In the beginning the activities of

the Sodality were restricted to certain categories of youth in houses of education, its object being the per sonal perfection of its members in virtue, by study, works of charity and zeal for souls. But since the Sovereign Pontiffs permitted the extension of membership to people of all ranks, the Sodality has had marvellous success in promotin personal holiness. "It is incredible, promoting ocean, will not risk the voyage in a wrote Benedict XIV., in the eight eenth century, "what fruits of sal-vation have been gathered among staunch ship, one that is able to the faithful of every rank and con-resist the violence of the storms and dition, owing to membership in this pious and praiseworthy institution. And Leo XIII., a couple of decades ago, called this society" an excellent school of Christian piety and the surest protection of youthful innocence

The Sodality of Our Lady is now counts its members by millions. During the past sixty years many thousand branches have been affiliated to the Primary Sodality in Rome and share in its indulgences grims, if you will-on our way over the and privileges. It is a great recommendation for a society to be spread all kinds, some of them set by the throughout the world, but it is a still greater recommendation to be distinguished for the quality and lofty holiness of those who have gloried in member-ship in it. The Sodality has, during our doom. Prudence urges us to the three and a half centuries of its select the surest vessel to reach the existence, numbered among its children people of the highest rank in Church and State, persons who considered their title of Child of Mary higher than the worldly titles that won them honor and distinction. It would be tedious to recall here the long list of learned men and women artists, statesmen, princes, kings, queens, popes, cardinals, bishops and

the countless clergy who as Sodalists gave to Mary their homage of filial love and veneration. But they were not the exceptions ; the democratic character of the Sodality gave every one, high and low, rich and poor, the opportunity of serving Mary, so that this society has ranked among its members millions of people of every condition of life who edified the world by their virtues.

It is a consoling fact that member issued by the Holy See in its behalf ship in the Sodality became for muland study its history since its foun-dation in the middle of the sixteenth things. How many thousand young titudes the stepping stone to higher men found therein their first attrac sources what the specific nature of tion to the priesthood or the relig-Our Lady's Sodality is, the traits ious life ; how many thousand young women went from their Sodality to societies in the Church, the end it has in view, and the means it employs to attain this end.

The Sodality is "a pious society, canonically established to help the Sodality had always valued more highly than any other is that of having helped saints to grow in holifaithful to walk more safely in the path of virtue, under the protection of the Mother of God." Its chief ness and in the highest perfection of Christian life. Among those who, in claim to be singled out from among past centuries, have been Sodalists of Mary we might mention St. Charles Borromeo, the great reformsimilar organizations may be seen in the last few words of this definition. It is under the special patronage of er, St. Francis of Sales and St. Alphonsus Liguori, both?Doctors of This is the magnet that draws millions to its ranks. Mary the Church, St. Aloysius Gonzaga St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. John holds her protecting arm over her devoted Sodalists and keeps them devoted Sodalists and keeps them from the dangers and pitfalls which youth, St. Camillus of Lellis, heroic in his charity towards the sick, and many other Saints, Blessed, and ven threaten them in their journey erable men and women who lived and died, thanking their Heavenly There are many people who face the world with the desire to live a Mother for the favors granted them during their lives. Children of Mary throughout the world should be grateful to our Holy of the carriage and with the doll in her arms mounted the steps. Once inside the church she knelt down and lisped the prayers that her mother generous in God's service, would like pledge of the protection the Church eyes were roving about to find the to make their lives a series of virtues and her Pontiffs have always accord-Lady with the Baby in her arms. At and good actions, but lack the knowl-last she espised her way down at the edge how to go about ordering their nition should urge them, on their daily lives; in other words, they need part and according to their opporwhich grace is urging them to tread. tunities, to make their society more widely known, and to augment These two classes of persons will find membership in a Sodality of Mary the among souls by gathering in new She sat Clementina down on the greatest possible help. The protecmanbers. While their words and ltar step, and then turned to face tion of the Mother of God, which is exhortations will do much to effect assured to them, is not a vain delu-sion: Those who have experienced emplary lives will be not less efficasion: Those who have experienced her powerful aid, not merely in overcious in promoting the interests of an institution so dear to them. coming obstacles to the practice of What a source of edification and holiness we should have here in virtue, but in cultivating the most sublime virtues, are ever ready to give their testimony to the efficacy Canada if every parish had its Sodal ity of Mary as well as its League of



## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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and the man that marries to lead a good, pure, virtuous life, God will make his home a happy home.

You want to marry a Catholic rl. I am not prejudiced against non-Catholics. I have a great many non-Catholic friends, but my first duty is by my own. It is the duty of a Catholic to stand by his own. It is the duty of Catholics to look out for Catholic people first and tell the men to pick out some girl that they can entrust their salvation to. You know a woman can damn a man as

well as a man can damn a woman. It is the biggest contract/you make in life. There isn't anything that entails so much in this life and the day to Marie's father.

"'Scuse me for yawning, but I've been very busy lately." Then: "Would you mind, if I went into your spare room and laid

down for a minute ?"

Everything was very still. " But if you haven't a spare room I just as soon lie right down here." Marie rested her head in Clemen-

tina's lap. "No I don't want a pillow, thank

you, Blessed-'

the Sacred Heart ! Numerous and varied are the means

the mutual help and edification which THE CHURCH REPRESENTS

OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEALS ance of enlightened directors, a grace which Sodalists know how to appre-"The Catholic Church is the only

ciate. A third help are the pious exercises held in common, the prayers which are recited, the reflections which one learns to make, the frequentation of the sacraments and the pious industries employed to draw the greatest spiritual profit out of today into a Roman Catholic Church

the greatest spiritual profit out of them. While all these means are more or less common to pious socie-ties in the Church, the Sodality en-joys a privilege which in a certain sense belongs to it alone, that of being of missions across the tracks for the poor. There is an air of arbitrary a something of for That night when Marie and Clemen-tina were both safe in bed, Marie's mother was telling the story of the "I wan distant during the story of the Mary. They formally consecrate "I wan distant during the story of the members are known as Children of Mary. They formally consecrate "I wan distant during the story of the members are known as Children of Mary. They formally consecrate and the ignorant as effectively as if

next as the choosing of a partner for "I ran distractedly down the the mealves to their Heavenly Mother a policeman with a club were stationed at the door."

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