



The Pornography Lure

Lesson #20

This lesson will likely be one of the most uncomfortable ones to present. It is also one of the most important; given the ease of access children have to pornography in today's world.

The story of Susanna from Daniel is not among the usually retold stories; it is intended for use by the catechist for personal reflection and can be used with the older children to expand the lesson on pornography. An idea common today is that pornography is a private matter; when Susanna is called for judgment, "she came with her parents, children, and all her relatives." This could provide a talking point in classes with the older children. Who is affected by what we do? How does what we feel about our actions affect our relationships?

This lesson is not simply about the lure. Pornography is a problem in and of itself. This lesson is one of the few which could be found to have no 'socially redeeming value' in it. The natural curiosity of the human being is often the starting point; left unchecked, pornography can become obsessive. The potential is to distort our understanding of the relationship between men and women.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. Help us to be pure of heart. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Daniel 13 (story of Susanna) Matthew 5:28 Psalm 101:3 Philippians 4:7-8 1Corinthians 6:15-20
Saint or Hero	St. Maria Goretti

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Music	<i>Change my heart, oh God</i> (Eddie Espinosa, Mercy Vineland) <i>Christ be beside me</i> (James Quinn & Jeffrey Rickard, Selah) <i>Make my heart your dwelling place</i> (Jim Cowan, ILP)
Liturgy or Rites	Lord, I am not worthy....
Prayers	Act of Contrition Guardian Angel prayer
Church Teachings	CCC 27: <i>...desire for God is written in the human heart ...man is created by God & for God.... Only in God will he find the truth & happiness he never stops searching for....</i> 359: <i>"In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes 22§1</i> 1702: <i>The divine image is present in every (one).</i> 2211: <i>The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it & to ensure especially:...the protection of security & health, especially with respect to dangers like drugs, pornography,...,etc</i> 2354: <i>Pornography...offends against chastity because it perverts...the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to its participants...because each one becomes an object of base pleasure & illicit profits for others. It is a grave offense.</i>