



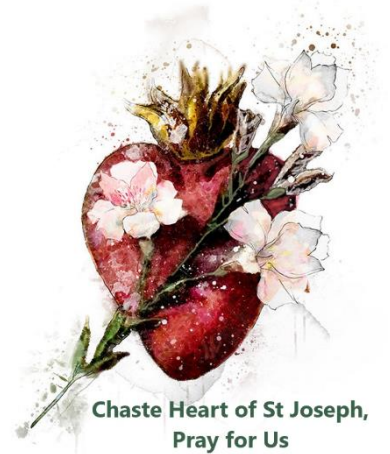
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The Beauty of Chastity

Having planned our pro-life chastity talk for over two years and postponing it twice, this holy endeavor finally came to fruition on Thursday, April 7th during Passion Week! It was held at St Francis Cabrini, Coram, for the confirmandi as a requirement for confirmation. It went amazingly well! Thanks be to God!!! Nolan Reynolds, Youth Ministry DRVC and Lisette Robustelli, Faith Formation Director DRVC were our chastity talk speakers who did a phenomenal job!

The **Equipped** books and *pamphlets were handed out to the confirmandi and their parents upon arrival. The large Holy Face Images were present, the Shroud (from the Shroud of Turin) and the Veil (from the veil of St Veronica), in which a brief history was given on them by Michele Berg that included explaining how immensely God loves us that Our Lord suffered most terribly so that we may share in His glory. Nolan and Lisette followed the history and did an amazing job giving reasons to be chaste which were referenced in the pamphlets: **20 Ways Young Women Claim the Respect They Deserve and 20 Ways Young Men Become Real Men*. They also pointed out how we can respond to the immense love God has for us by the way we live our lives!!

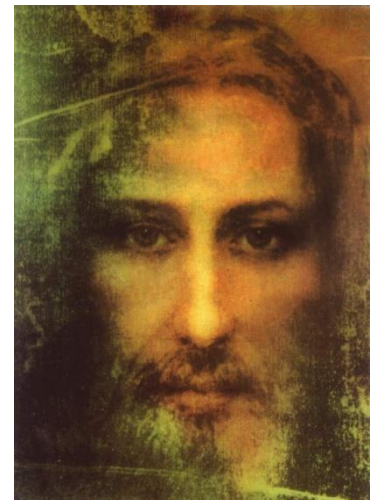


Chaste Heart of St Joseph,
Pray for Us

The inspiring videos of the life of **Blessed Carlos Acutis, Joe Reali**, and the ***Veil Removed*** were seen. They were all noted on specific pages in the book, **Equipped**, which was compiled by Fr. Liam McDonald. Some prayers were prayed, which were: the **Guardian Angel Prayer** (in **Equipped**), **Breathe in Me O Holy Spirit** the **Golden Arrow prayer** given out that was on the back of a Holy Face Image card, which was touched to the True Cross, the Lance, and a Thorn from the Crown of Thorns, which included everyone reading the poem from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, ***Do It Anyway***.

In this day and age, it is most important to solidify the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly on the beautiful gift of sex. It is my hope that other parishes will be able to give chastity talks to their confirmandi to help them choose the way to glorify God in their lives!! The young people of our parish went away with new vision of the gift of their sexuality and what God is calling each of them to live, in accordance with Holy Mother Church. It was refreshing to see the sincere interest and thirst that each of them had.

Any parishes that are interested in having a chastity talk, please do not hesitate in obtaining one or both of the Holy Face Images for that day. Our parish has a Holy Face Ministry that will provide parishes with these Holy Images to bring reverence and also reparation to the gathering because whoever gazes upon Our Lord's Holy Face consoles Him!



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