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The Single Life

Often enough, we hear about the duties and responsibilities of families, of parents and children. We bring under the spotlight the elite of society, civil and spiritual and, especially in our traditional circles, the religious and priests. Yet is there not also a silent “minority,” and even a large enough group of people living the single life? If God in the Bible shows a marked preference for the widow and the orphan with no bright future in life, some Scriptural passages refer also to the one alone, deprived of company and support.

Who qualifies as a single person? It can be anything like a late teenager alienated from his family due to hard circumstances; or a single woman living as best she can in modern society quickly becoming a dissociety; perhaps, it is a bachelor torn between

work, friends, and his conscience; or a spouse still grieving from a broken relationship; or, finally, a widow or widower living a lonely existence far from children’s support?

No matter the circumstances, we know that God, who created us with a special attention, has also a purpose for each of us. He has called us to a specific way of life. To quote Fr. Faber: “All men have a special vocation. Our vocation is as real a vocation, as distinctive as the vocation to be a Carmelite or an Ursuline, a Franciscan or an Oratorian. . . . That vocation, whatever it is, is God’s will about us.” And indeed, we’ve all heard of geniuses or saints who, although not engaged in religious or married vows, followed the divine star and conquered virtue and knowledge.

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

There is no doubt that the eventful year 2020 will be remembered for decades on end as the strangest year they ever lived. And, unfortunately, many will color it with a doom and gloom light and forget that God is near us whatever the circumstances. It is a time to count the inestimable blessings which Christ the Lord has brought to mankind and our own souls, precisely through these trials and upsets we've all experienced.

The closing of a calendar year—the 2020 “year of grace” as it used to be called in Christianity—is the occasion to tell ourselves the resilience, adaptation and inventiveness addressing the closings of our sanctuaries, the disconnect with our friends, families and spiritual shepherds. For some, the quarantine was another retreat, refreshing and uplifting spiritually, as it detached them from their worldly pursuits and allowed them, unconquered by defeatist or fearful moods, to feed their souls and intensify their prayer life. No doubt, this was the best answer to this little virus which upset men in an unprecedented way and in a worldwide scale.

As you are reading these lines, we shall be well into the spirit of Christmas, New Year and Epiphany. Among the many lessons taught us by these joyful mysteries displayed liturgically before us, we will do well to contemplate how the saints live at the mercy of Providence. St. Joseph and Blessed Mary obeyed God's will, however much upsetting and unclear it might have seemed originally, the Shepherds too who went to adore as their king a baby lying in a manger. And the pilgrims from the East, the Magi who followed the star guiding them to the Lord. All lived the life of perfect abandonment to divine Providence, knowing that the All-knowing and All-loving God would not lead them astray. Here is our map of life and our hope.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Fullerton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fr. John Fullerton



The Mystery of Love for the Single

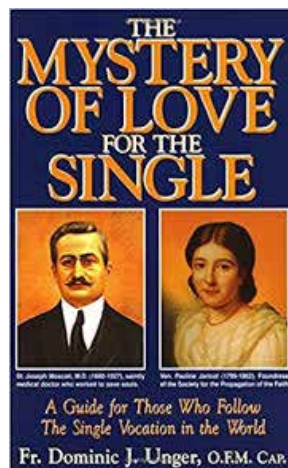
Extracts from Fr. Dominic Unger's guide for those who follow the single vocation in the world.

Is the single life of perfect chastity a vocation properly speaking?

To live a single life in the world in perfect chastity and deliberately to will to do so for a lifetime out of love for Christ is a distinct grace of God. It is, in the strict sense of the word, a vocation. One must be called to it by God. Ordinarily God gives his call in a silent manner. One must make a free and deliberate choice for this type of life. The choice can still be free, even when circumstances conspire against choosing any other vocation.

When should this vocation be chosen?

This form of life should not be chosen too early or too late. If chosen too early one may later regret not having chosen one of the other vocations, especially marriage. If one chooses this vocation too late, one might regret having lost so much valuable time for living a higher form of life, which is more meritorious for eternal glory. Women, in particular, complain about not having known of this great ideal soon



enough. Fresh flowers, not merely those that are withering, should be presented to Christ.

Spiritual guides put the range for this choice from 25 years of age till 40. One might say that about 25 is ordinarily not too early for a person to make up his mind on the matter, and after that age, the sooner is the better. And there are certainly chosen souls in every age of Christianity whom God selects for Himself at an earlier age. Often, such elect souls think at first that they are called to the religious life; but, on finding this is not the life of them, they settle for the single life in the world. We have the well-known examples of saints like Gemma Galgani, and the saintly Edel Quinn, the apostle of the Legion of Mary.

Who is suited for this vocation?

We are concerned here with the vocation of men and women in the world who wish to live a life of perfect chastity in the single state and are in no way looking for a spouse. It does apply, however, to one who would like to have married but must remain unmarried because of circumstances, or if one is prevented for various reasons from entering the priesthood or the religious life, one may, and should make the best of it since that is God's will.

It was precisely for those who after the late war had no opportunity of marriage that Pope Pius XII, as we saw, said their lives need not be useless. They need not be mere reluctant bachelors or spinsters. True, if such had been fit or had had the opportunity for marriage, they would have chosen this vocation; but since that

is out of reach for them, they should consider it God's will that they live a single life in the world devoted to works of charity. They must live in perfect chastity in any case; they might as well get the most out of it for themselves and mankind by their charitable services.

What should be their attitude towards life?

They should have a well-balanced attitude toward life and toward the other vocations. All vocations are good, coming as they do from the all-wise and all-holy God, and leading back to Him. One may not choose to live the single life merely because one has a false notion that marriage is a necessary evil and that sex is ugly, or that married persons are but second-rate Christians, or even because there are too many trials in married life, or because one is too selfish to be of service to others, or because one proudly thinks oneself too good for a modern husband or wife.

Why does one choose this vocation to the single life?

The highest motive for choosing this form of life is the undivided love that one wishes to bestow on Christ and the more perfect union with Christ that one wishes to enjoy even in this life.

Our Lord said expressly: "And there are eunuchs who have made themselves so for the kingdom of heaven's sake. Let him accept it who can" (Mt. 19:12). In his encyclical on Holy Virginitly, Pius XII speaks expressly of lay people: "Perfect chastity, nevertheless, flourishes also among not a few who belong entirely to the laity. For there are men and women who are not established in a public state of perfection, and still they abstain entirely from matrimony and the carnal pleasures by virtue of a resolve or a private vow, in order that they may more freely serve their fellow men and that they may unite their souls more easily and closely with God."

Are there other motives for this vocation?

Those who forego marriage and practice perfect chastity do so precisely because, besides securing their own salvation, they can be a great blessing to the Church and society at large. The persecutors of the Church of all times are the greatest witnesses to the social blessing that perfect chastity has been, is, and will be. They choose this vocation for the supernatural motive of charity toward fellow men, since it frees one for a wholehearted devotion to the service of the Church and humanity. For that reason, some have suggested that this vocation is excellent for all who wish to spend their lives in the public service of others: for diplomats and politicians, doctors, and teachers. I am not suggesting that all who follow any of these professions must remain single. I merely mention that the single state of perfect chastity in the world can be an excellent asset for any one in such a profession of public service.

So, what is the difference between someone single in the world and the vocations to the single life?

A single person in the world might be doing very much good but might be living in the unmarried state very regretfully. In perfect chastity is this twofold love of God and the neighbor possible to the highest degree in this world. In perfect chastity man and woman can love God with an undivided love. They are, then, not bachelors and spinsters because they love so little; they are virginal spouses of Christ because they love so much, so ardently, that no creature can fully satisfy their longing for loving and being loved. They are, in short, on fire with love for God. This is the essence of the mystery of love for the single in the world.





Interview with Single Persons Living in the World

A compilation

Is it hard being single and traditional Catholic?

For some, being single is only temporary, for others it will be a way of life. While living single in the world today is certainly not the Catholic norm, it does seem to be happening more and more. In fact, this was not initially intended by God Who made Adam in need of a help mate; and we are no different. My suggestion to anyone would be to spend a significant amount of time walking on pilgrimage. Besides being penitential and healthy and “meeting-full,” it reminds us that, while we can walk alone and still complete the journey, it’s easier with a companion.

Do we need more Catholic information specifically for single Catholics out there?

Definitely not! Most Catholic materials are written for souls regardless of their state in life. However, it is true that there is little literature on the single life compared to the religious or married life. This is because there are more varied “duties” for the single individual and a wider variety of expectations which are hard to standardize because of their varying roles, personalities, and talents.

What are some guidelines single people need to keep in mind?

If you are single and it is likely that you will remain so, it is important to build a community of solid Catholic friends that can support your faith. Also try to choose a Catholic cause that you can dedicate at least some part of your life to. We all need a cause greater than ourselves because without one we will forget why we are here and start living for ourselves instead of for God.

Does your faith help you live your vocation?

Absolutely! If I weren’t Catholic, it would be easy to find many things to fill the voids of the single life which would ultimately pull me further away from God. You must realize that you are where you are meant to be. Stop comparing the life you dreamt of to the life you are living. At age 28, a friend of mine (who was to marry soon after) said this wise prayer to God: “Make me the best aunt I can possibly be, and, if You want me to be married, may it

be in Your time.” There is no sense in living a life of sadness, anger, or frustration when you can choose joy.

Is immersion in works of mercy the whole of the single life?

The community often has high expectations for singles: to focus on corporal works of mercy, to volunteer time and money, to be available to “help” at the drop of a hat. It is important for singles to maintain a balance with their time. Yes, you should be generous and open to new opportunities. However, it is also okay to say “no” sometimes and to have healthy boundaries with friends and family.



Are there advantages in the single life?

As a single person, you have more leisure to educate yourself by reading, traveling, and de-

veloping your talents. Remaining single until you are older gives you the time and experience to decide in a more concrete manner who could be a good marriage partner (if it is God’s will) based on both the good and bad examples seen in our community.

Do you have any final advice to single adults out there?

Be at peace. All souls are called to live in union with God whatever their vocation. If it is God’s will for us to be single for the rest of our days, or to eventually get married, either way, so be it. God is all-wise and the vocation to which we are called will be the best means for us to save our souls. We have the grace of the moment and every day has enough suffering without borrowing the troubles of tomorrow. Each day also has enough grace to grow in the love of God and neighbor as Our Lord commanded.



The young adults from St. Isidore's visited Fr. Cornelius O'Farrell's grave site. Father O'Farrell was known for his heroic ministry to endangered miners in Gunnison, CO in the early part of the 20th century.



The faithful from St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City held a candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary on her feast day on October 7th.

Young adults in St. Mary's attend an Acies evening of recollection, consisting of a spiritual conference followed by a holy hour in the chapel, which includes rosary, confessions, silent adoration, and compline. These monthly recollections are directed towards helping the young adults achieve the primary goal of Acies: personal sanctification.





A small band of saints pose with Fr. Adam Purdy on All Saints Day in Dickinson, TX.



The Immaculata Project in St. Marys, KS is moving along at a rapid pace. After completing the site work to make the ground ready for the foundation of the church, the construction crew is currently building the basement with lots of concrete and steel work continuing through the Fall.





The beauty of the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is heightened by the splendor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Kansas City, MO.



The Kateris from Kansas City, MO participated in the annual pilgrimage to the small Missouri town of Starkenburg to pray at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine.





St. Vincent de Paul Academy held a Geography Fair for grades 4 - 12 at the Tracy Avenue Campus. England, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, and Italy were represented with costumes, food, and reports by the students.



Young girls from Queen of Angels Church in Dickinson, TX scatter flower petals before their Eucharistic King.



On the Feast of Christ the King, parishioners from Queen of Angels Church in Dickinson, TX held a public procession complete with banners and flags and Benediction at an outside altar dedicated to the Holy Family.



The students of St. Joseph's Academy in Ray Township, MI performed a choral concert in honor of the visit of District Superior, Fr. John Fulleron.



Along with the other chapels throughout the US District, St. Joseph's in Ray Township, MI held three very well-attended holy hours to beg God's grace for our country and for the recent elections.



The Young Adult Catholic Action Group from St. Isidore the Farmer Church in Watkins, CO, led by Fr. Novak, is pictured at a recent Saturday outing.



Parishioners from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Kingsford Heights, IN held a picnic in conjunction with their long-delayed St. Joseph's Table event.



The festivities included a procession in honor of St. Joseph, the traditional St. Joseph's altar laden with goodies, a pig roast, and even a dunk tank. Father Jamey Rigi had the privilege of being dunked several times by children with particularly good aim!

International Pilgrimages

The Way of St. James Walking Pilgrimage (last 70 miles) April 20-29, 2021

The year 2021 is a Jubilee Year in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which means that visiting pilgrims can gain a plenary indulgence! Don't miss this opportunity to walk the Camino de Santiago with fellow traditional Catholics. Walk 70 miles in six days, passing through charming villages that have seen Camino pilgrims since the 10th century. Have your Camino passport stamped along the way, earn your "Compostela" certificate, and gain countless graces. Begin the trip in Sarria, then walk to Portomarín, Palas de Rei, Melide, Arzúa, Pedrouzo, and finish in Santiago de Compostela. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Summers. Space is limited to 30 pilgrims.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Walking from Nazareth to Galilee Rescheduled for June 17-28, 2021

Walk in the footsteps of Our Lord as you visit the places where He lived, taught, and suffered. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Magdala, Ein Karem, Bethany, and much more. Walk for three days along the path that Our Lord would have walked from Nazareth to Galilee. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick Rutledge.

Holy Relics of Aachen (Germany) June, 2021

Every 7 years in the cathedral of Aachen in Germany, four precious relics are exposed for public veneration: the cloak of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the swaddling clothes the Baby Jesus wore in the manger, the loin cloth Our Lord Jesus Christ wore on the Cross, and the cloth on which the head of St. John the Baptist was placed after his beheading. Don't miss this opportunity to venerate these priceless relics! Also, pray before the relics of the Three Magi in Cologne and enjoy a river cruise along the most beautiful section of the Rhine. Visit the Basilica of the Fourteen Holy Helpers near Bamberg, render homage to Our Lady of Altotting, St. Conrad, St. Henry II, St. Cunegunda, St. Killian, and much more! Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

The Way of St. James September 7-18, 2021

Walk parts of the Camino in Spain and have the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence during the 2021 Jubilee Year in Santiago de Compostela! Begin in Roncesvalles and follow the French Way of St. James by motor-coach, enjoying optional walks along some of the most scenic stretches so as to experience the Camino. Visit Pamplona, Burgos, Leon, Ponferrada, and many delightful villages that have greeted Camino pilgrims for centuries. Pray at the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela and gain a plenary indulgence by walking through the Cathedral's Holy Door. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions



December: For the most abandoned souls in Purgatory

My Jesus, by that crown of sharpest thorns which pierced thy sacred temples, have mercy on that soul which is most neglected and least prayed for, and on that soul which is furthest from being released from the pains of purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them....

January: To thank God for the graces received by the SSPX over the past 50 years.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, earth is full of thy Glory. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost. (Say 3 times)

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Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Dec 9-12	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 14-19	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
March 15-20	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
March 15-20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
May 5-8	Marian	Phoenix, AZ
May 17-22	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
July 5-10	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
Sept 13-18	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Nov 8-13	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Nov 30-Dec 4	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ

Women:

Dec 2-5	3-Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Jan 11-16	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Feb 10-13	Marian	Phoenix, AZ
Feb 15-20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
April 12-17	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
May 24-29	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
June 21-26	Ignatian	Sanford, FL
July 12-17	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
July 19-24	Vocations	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 11-16	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Oct 11-16	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ

Mixed:

March 3-6	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 27-30	Matrimony	Phoenix, AZ

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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