

Spirituality Commission Report

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Thinking Catholic women, who read about and study their religion, gain a special insight into their faith. They also recognize more keenly the needs of the world and are fired with a zeal to do something about the problems of poverty, injustice, and meaninglessness.

One writer stated seriously that the problems of the world could be taken care of if each woman were to be really Christian. Women need not leave their own sphere of home, office or community to find ways to use their knowledge. Opportunities are provided by personal conversation, group meetings, Christian women's conferences, question box sessions, socials and in family gatherings.

Yes, a thinking and open-minded Catholic woman can make a huge statement to the world. It starts in the home, office, or in the local community. One thing that happens with reading and study is broadening our vocabulary. Your personality, home training, and education are revealed when you speak. Even the spiritual health of one's soul can be detected through speech. Our Lord said, "Out of the heart the mouth speaks."

A couple of thoughts from The Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Ignorance! That's what abusive speech reveals. With all the thousands of words in the English language, the vile-tongue has not enough intelligence to express himself in clear, clean English. What a dunce! People who lack a sense of humor resort to vulgarity, foul language, double-meaning words, and dirty jokes just to get the attention of the crowd for a few minutes. The person who is witty and well read, who has a sharp sense of humor never has to use smutty remarks or shady jokes to get a laugh. Any moron can repeat a dirty joke.

Precious! Being able to speak is a precious gift from God. Is God pleased with the way you are using your gift? Are you proud of your own record? Try to compliment rather than criticize people. Always be open to teaching and telling the truth, especially to our youth. Show the valuable qualities in your character by never telling a dirty joke.