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## Modest for Miracles

“Of course I’m pro-life, but that doesn’t mean I have to be modest!”

What would you say if someone gave you this remark? Perhaps you agree with such a statement. What does modesty have to do with being pro-life? They are two different subjects—aren’t they? The answer to this may surprise some, but in truth, being pro-life without the virtue of modesty is simply impossible. The two connect together; and those who argue that modesty plays no part in being pro-life, not only deceive themselves, but betray the entire pro-life effort! For to be *truly* pro-life at heart, means to be modest in dress.

Pope Pius XII said, “Society reveals what it is by the clothes it wears.” With such outrageous immodesty viewed as “normal” today, it is a small wonder why people then hold abortion as a woman’s “right.” For by immodesty, a woman destroys the respect owed to her body and therefore loses respect for what her body is made for—life itself. Those without modesty state by their actions, little or no respect for life, making themselves a target for evil. Immodesty *always* leads to impurity and impurity leads only to death.

In 1917 Our Lady warned the three children of Fatima “certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much.” During the 1960s and 70s, women’s fashion drastically became more immodest by the day. Women lost even the natural instinct of modesty! In 1973 abortion became legal. Ironical? Not a chance. Rita Davidson, a Catholic author, said, “Is it any wonder how these young unknowing girls, manage to find themselves teenage mothers having to face the issues of abortion or early motherhood?” Modesty stands as the shield against impurity; take away this shield and Satan spares no second to strike.

Furthermore, since a woman’s body helps God bring life to the world, it is sacred; and as with all things sacred, it deserves to be veiled. The tabernacle—the highest source of spiritual life—remains covered under a veil on the altar. Yet, so many step outside of this great dignity of modesty in search of worldly approval, and from immodesty to abortion, innocence becomes trapped into evil by what God intended for good. Women, therefore, possess not a burden, but an *honor* to dress modestly and behave with purity to give glory to the great mystery and miracle of life.

Thus, if we yearn to stand up for life, we must not give just part of ourselves, but *all* of ourselves! Let us not contradict the cry to end abortion by acting with immodesty, but holding firm in purity with all our actions in the eyes of all who see us—especially Our Father above. Through heavenly aid, it is time to hold high the banner of modesty and show this world what it *really* means to be “pro-life.”