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MODESTY

“SPEAKING, ACTING AND DRESSING APPROPRIATELY.”

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DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of TEMPERANCE is MODESTY.

The strength to be moderate and in control of ourselves with regard to speech, dress and food.

To live the virtue of modesty requires a conscious effort in the following areas:

- Our actions and behavior which includes manner of dress, walking, gesturing and how we treat others.
- Our interior thoughts and imagination requiring custody of the eyes and our thoughts and memories - practicing self-control in what we view - and a guarding of the other senses.
- Our manner of speaking ... tone of voice, the words we use and how we communicate.

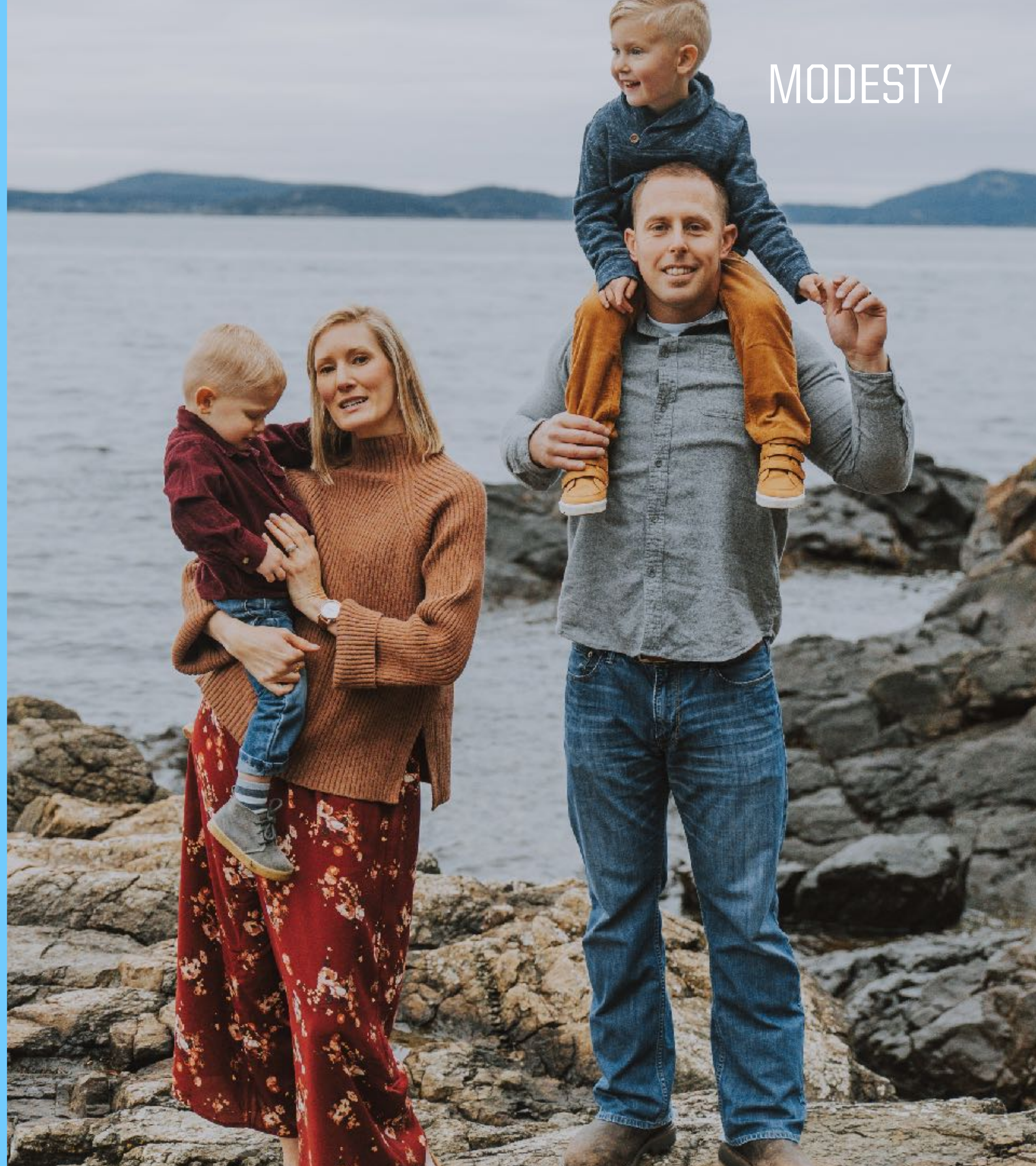
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FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

#2521 Purity requires modesty, an integral part of temperance. Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It is ordered to chastity to whose sensitivity it bears witness. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity.

#2522 Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love. It encourages patience and moderation in loving relationships; it requires that the conditions for the definitive giving and commitment of man and woman to one another be fulfilled. Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet.

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#2523 There is a modesty of the feelings as well as of the body. It protests, for example, against the voyeuristic explorations of the human body in certain advertisements, or against the solicitations of certain media that go too far in the exhibition of intimate things. Modesty inspires a way of life which makes it possible to resist the allurements of fashion and the pressures of prevailing ideologies.

#2524 The forms taken by modesty vary from one culture to another. Everywhere, however, modesty exists as an intuition of the spiritual dignity proper to man. It is born with the awakening consciousness of being a subject. Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person.



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FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Genesis 3: 6-7

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

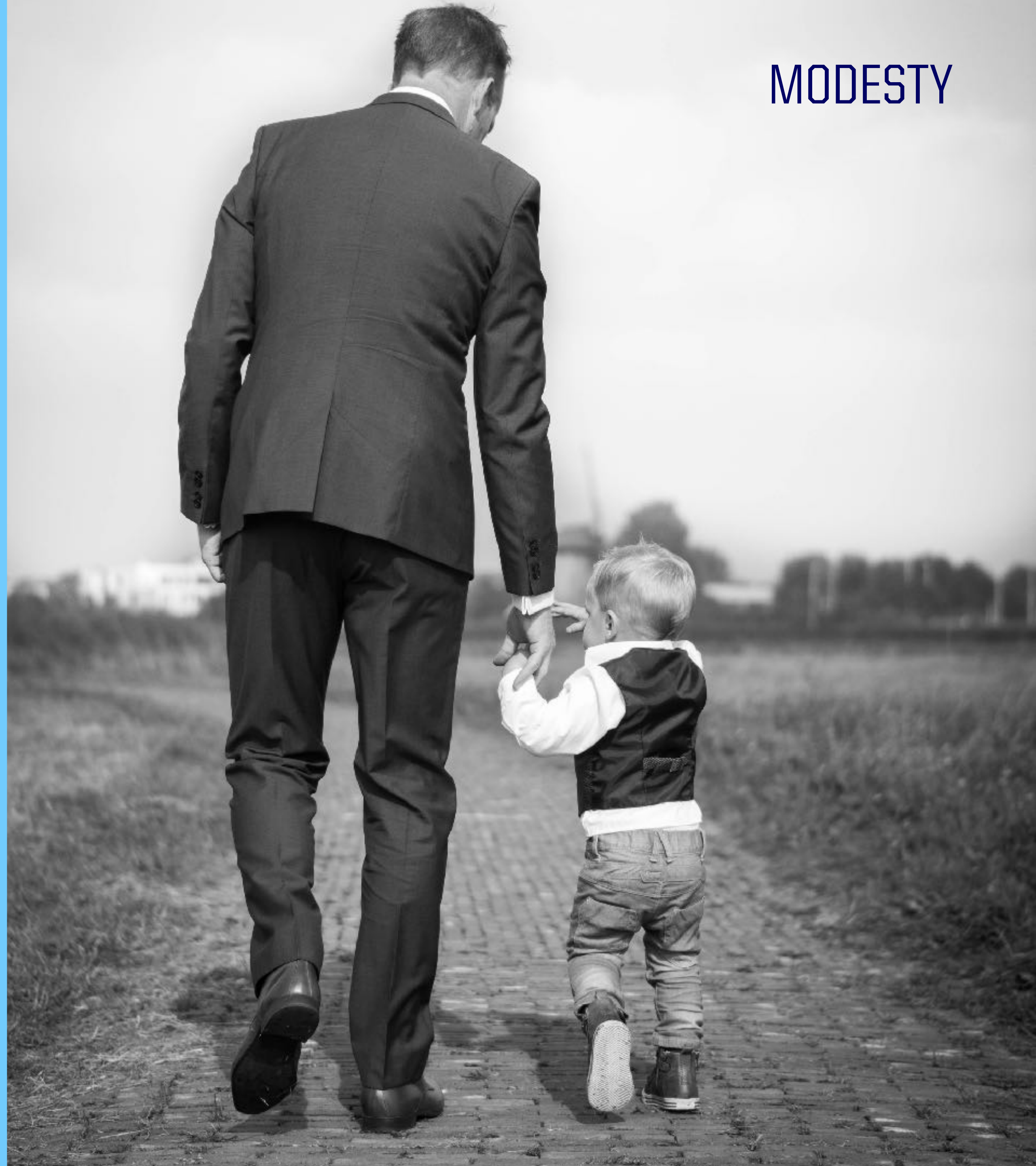
Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Genesis 3: 21

The LORD God made for the man and his wife garments of skin, with which he clothed them.

Notice that God is not satisfied with the garments that Adam and Eve made for each other after the original sin. The fig leaves that Adam and Eve made would have only covered them partially. They would have been immodestly dressed. Thus, God made new garments for them out of animal skins and clothed them entirely, or modestly. Because the human condition was now afflicted with sin and concupiscence, God clearly reveals that He desires us to dress modestly, to avoid tempting ourselves and others.

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RESOLUTION

Let's review with our parents how much screen time, app time, phone time, TV time ... we are getting each day.

Examine what you are looking at, what you are listening to, the images you are consuming ...

Are we living this strength of modesty?

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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION
DISCUSSION

The strength to be moderate and in control of ourselves with regard to speech, dress and food.

Especially for young ladies.

All or most of your friends dress very immodestly and you would like to dress more modestly. You are afraid to wear certain things going out with them because you will look so different. What should you do?

Especially for young men.

All or most of your friends talk very immodestly about girls. You are kind of tired of it. You are afraid to say anything to them about it because you might sound like a “goody two shoes” or “preachy”.
How do you handle this?



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*“Let your modesty be a sufficient incitement, yea,
an exhortation to everyone to be at peace on
their merely looking at you.”*

- St. Ignatius Loyola

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*“The dress of the body should not discredit the
good of the soul.”*

- St. Cyprian





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“ATTRACTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION
TO YOURSELF.”

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VICE

SOME SELF-REFLECTION

Immodesty is the act of drawing undue attention to ourselves.

It's pride on display by what we wear, what we say, how we act and how we eat.

Some questions to ask ourselves:

Do I dress immodestly? Is what I wear at times too low, too short or too tight?

Do I talk immodestly? Is my tone of voice too loud, arrogant or boastful?

Do I eat immodestly? Do I stuff my mouth, talk with my mouth full, fill up my plate to the brim? Do I serve myself too much and then throw it out?



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