Discussion Questions

“7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues”

‘LUST & CHASTITY (16m) – May 25, 2019

1. (Matt.5: 27-30) Where does Jesus see lust beginning? Jesus uses hyperbole to point out the need for radical repentance from the sin of lust; in this, he is like Dante, who shows the penitent Lustful passing through flames. Why is such drastic action demanded? What does this suggest about the addictive nature of lust?
2. John Paul II warned that even married people can commit the sin of lust. What do you think he meant?
3. (1Cor. 6: 12-20) Given that God has made you so that his love can surge through you and enable you to love others for their own sake and not for your use and exploitation, why does Paul find lust so grave a sin against Christ?
4. (1John 2: 15-17) What does John mean by “lust”? How does it relate to pride? What does John say about this world and its relationship with lust?
5. (CCC 2392-2400) What is chastity? Who is the model of chastity? What is the difference between chastity and celibacy?
6. Have you ever had an experience of falling love? How was that different from mere lust?
7. What are some ways that our culture tempts us to lust? Do you struggle with lust? How can we overcome this temptation?
8. People talk about pornography as a “victimless” crime. How does pornography turn people into objects and dehumanize them?
9. Dante’s penitent Lustful must pass through fire to be cleansed of this sin. How is again a punishment that fits the sin? What in your life needs to be burned up in order to free you from the sin of lust?