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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF HARMFUL PORNOGRAPHY
ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH**

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As a Catholic priest who has been formed in the ministry of spiritual direction who has provided spiritual guidance for 23 years and heard an innumerable number of confessions, I can attest without providing details of any individuals that pornography does harm people's mental, emotional, and physical health. Even among the people who do not use pornography are subject to harm. For example, wives of husbands who use pornography are often either treated as objects of sexual gratification or neglected in deference of seeking sexual pleasure by themselves without their wives. I can also attest to how perpetrators of domestic violence use pornography, which indicates that pornography contributes towards violence against women.