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[Your Working Paper Title]

I plan to research the paradox of women's virginity in early Christianity, i.e., how female virginity functioned as both a source of personal liberation, as well as a form of patriarchal control. I would also like to explore how this paradox still influences the role of women in the Roman Catholic Church today.

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