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"They're All Out of Step but My Johnnie."

The blind love of the Irish mother who made the remark at the St. Patrick's Day parade is quite like the blind self-love of the hold-out who refuses spiritual development at Notre Dame. There is only one cure for it. Go to the basement chapel every morning from 6:15 till 8:15. Every time you see a student receive Holy Communion say, "He's wrong and I'm right." You'll have to say it more than 300 times and as many more for the other chapels. And when you see who these men are who are all wrong you'll have a dickens of a time convincing yourself that they are wrong,

The Fortune Teller.

"I believe that whether a girl is a Catholic or a non-Catholic if you love her you are perfectly in accordance with your religion if you marry her. I do not believe that many of the priests are justified in their sermons on this subject. I know of as many Catholic girls who are as poor character as non-Catholic girls and for this reason priests when giving sermons on this subject should be careful not to give this impression."

Your statement is unfortunate in many respects. Permit this major change: "I know of as many good non-Catholic girls as I do Catholic girls." It is what you meant.

If mixed marriages were in accord with the mind of the Church, the Church would not forbid them. Permission for such marriages is granted only for canonical reasons, after promises have been signed which safeguard the faith of the Catholic party and the children.

The fact that many mixed marriages are very happy does not annul the statistics which show that 85% of the grandchildren of mixed marriages are lost to the Faith. The leading Catholic laymen of the United States today was converted by his wife -- but a good many others have gone the way of religious indifference.

Will you allow one personal reminiscence out of hundreds. A few years ago I was called to a Methodist Hospital to attend a Catholic woman. I reached the hospital in less than ten minutes and found her dead. The nurse explained that while her husband was a good man and their marriage had been happy, as a non-Catholic he had not realized the importance of the last Sacrament. Keep this in mind; Most men (not all men) need a wife to remind them of their religious duties.

P.S. to Sincerely Perplexed.

Tommy didn't have enough room on the Bulletin last Friday for the sixth point. It follows:

Heckling would undoubtedly draw a crowd, but would it save the hecklers? There were plenty of them in the time of Our Lord, and before Pilate they exclaimed: "His Blood be upon us and our children!"

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