

The Novena to the Hgly Ghost.

This Novena starts Friday: Holy Communion every morning, Benediction every evening. The intentions follow:

1. Catholic Education. (There is concerted action against it. Parochial schools are already forbidden in Oregon. The manager of the Oregon campaign has moved on to Indiana.)
2. The Spread of the Faith. (If you wish to have any of your friends remembered in this Novena, enclose their names in sealed envelopes addressed: Pentecost Novena, c/o Prefect of Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana. These envelopes sealed will be placed near the tabernacle throughout the nine days.)
3. A Happy Marriage. (Don't pray that God will give you the girl you have already set your heart on -- your choice might not be a happy one. Pray that God will give you the right girl.)
4. Vocations. (If you're not thinking of marriage, think of God's need for priests, Brothers and Sisters to care for the spiritual welfare of your children.)
5. Careless Catholics. (Get some poor fellow the grace to make his Easter Duty. Laziness probably sends as many people to hell as malice.)
6. The expansion Drive. (Father Burns wants to get five certain men to subscribe for \$100,000 for the Drive. Help him.)
7. The Sick. (Tom Byrne has reserved his room in Badin for next year; which means that for the third time prayer has called him back from death's door. There are lots of others sick at home.)
8. The Mission Crusade. (The great work of the Holy Ghost is missionary work. One thousand delegates from Catholic schools will meet at Notre Dame in August to discuss plans for helping the missions.)
9. Our Folks. (There are lots of parents God could have given us, but He gave us just the right ones. Don't let any one outdo you in your appreciation of your parents. Make this Novena for them before you go home.)
10. Our Country. (Unless something happens -- from inside our hearts -- we are going to become a nation of bootleggers and law-breakers. Let us pray for a national sense of decency.)

How to Make a Bad Confession.

It's the hardest thing in the world for a well-instructed Catholic to make a bad confession. To do so a person must have the pride of Lucifer, he must forget the majesty of God, the supernatural character of the Sacrament of Penance, the Holiness of the Blessed Sacrament and the duration of hell's torments.

What is Not a Bad Confession.

Under the influence of a frequent Communion a person's conscience becomes more sensitive, and frequently the fear arises that previous confessions were bad because something was omitted that was not at the time realized as a sin. If such a scruple cannot be dismissed at once it should be mentioned in confession. That will settle the matter for you.

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