

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

April 3, 1925.

Your Parents.

A lady who has read the latest report of the Religious Survey writes:

"I often wonder when our boarding school students are home, what they think of their parents; and if they don't wonder why, if Holy Communion means so much to them, the parents do not go more often. C----l--d as many daily communicants, but I'm sure they are not the parents, and a big, or sometimes little effort on their part, would make it possible, but some way I know many here who do much to help the children go, but seem to think it is not for themselves; or rather, they just don't think of it at all.

"Of course, often when the boarding school ones are home, home arrangements could be easier if those who have been heaping up graces for ten months would sacrifice a bit and say, 'You go, mother and father; I'll keep house'."

While the explanation of the condition is obvious, the condition is not without remedy. Your mother and father may belong to the "old school" of quarterly or Easter Duty Catholics; they are not responsible before God for graces lost when the thought of the graces has never occurred to them. But if they are such wonderful parents without the graces given by daily Communion, how much more wonderful would they not be with those graces.

This year's survey reveals that some fathers and many mothers are frequent, sometimes daily, communicants. If other mothers and fathers can go daily, why can't yours, if they have facilities in the home parish? Not the least thing you could do to make your parents happy would be to make them frequent communicants.

Many students whose parents are careless Catholics have shown a beautiful spirit of concern for their welfare. Nothing could be more just, of course; and God may have sent such a student to Notre Dame for the sole purpose of converting a careless parent. The devotion to the Infant of Prague is especially recommended to sons for the conversion of parents; and a medal of the Divine Infant sent by the sons to the father or mother has effected miracles of grace.

"What are you doing to make your parents happy?" "Deceiving them, honest!" is not an infrequent reply. If it is the best reply you can make you need to get busy. Separation from one's parents generally brings some appreciation; don't wait for an eternal separation.

For Father Albartson's Mother.

The Benediction and Way of the Cross tonight will be offered for the same intention as the Mass this morning. A good attendance will assure a fine spiritual bouquet.

Mother of Sorrows.

During your adoration today keep in mind the feast, the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a great consolation to the Mother of God, and will increase her glory in heaven when it comes from men dedicated to her, as every Notre Dame man is.

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Prayers.

Father Stack asks your prayers for the repose of the soul of his uncle. Three students and an alumnus ask prayers for deceased relatives, and a student for his sick father.

How to Pray.

"I don't think my prayers are fervent enough. I find it hard to correlate my thoughts with the words of standard prayers." Come around for instruction on meditation.

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