

The Inspiration of Ageration.

Some man-made religions place the whole of religion in the emotions, others place it in confidence in God, others in the intellect in its relations with God, others still in a good life without any particular reference to God. God's religion covers a man's whole being: His intellect and will, his memory, imagination, senses and emotions, his body as well as his soul.

Man's duty to God is to know Him and love Him and serve Him with his whole being; and man is so constituted that his emotions can be a great help to him in his love and service of God. Christ used sensible signs in many of His miracles, and He ordained His sacraments under sensible signs. The Church uses many signs that aid the emotions in exciting love of God, not the least of which the "atmosphere" of the Church.

In Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament you have every aid to devout prayer. The lines of the Gothic Church recall the hands folded in prayer. All the pillars and broken arches of the church converge on the tabernacle, the center of Christian worship. The smell of incense lingers, the candles of virgin wax flicker, the stillness intensifies respect, the flowers and the statues and frescoes harmonize into an act of adoration: everything centers on God, and the mind finds it more difficult to wander than to pray.

Put on a cassock and surplice today, go into the sanctuary, let your emotions lead where they will, and let your soul commune with God. You will long remember the experience.

The Modern Boy. C
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Yesterday we considered three qualities of the Notre Dame prospective husband, gentlemanliness, honesty and courage. What else should be looked for?

4. Consistency. Some men make model lovers and rotten husbands. They may run a good bluff through a hectic courtship, concealing all the rottenness under a suave exterior of correct deportment; or they may have the best intentions in the world without the virtue of perseverance. The first of these is a rotter, and certainly has no place at Notre Dame; the other Notre Dame can do much for, through the Sacraments and prayers, and the other means suggested in the pamphlet, "Perseverance."
5. Loyalty. Loyalty is a part of consistency when association is free. A man who comes to Notre Dame and spends his time knocking the place lacks that fundamental virtue of loyalty, and no one will suffer more from it than his wife. Such a man cannot kid himself that he will be loyal elsewhere, that he crabs Notre Dame simply because he sees so much to be crabbed here; he is here of his own free will, if he doesn't like it he can get out, and if he is a man he will. To remain and be disloyal shows a fundamental weakness of character, and girls have no reason to expect weak characters in Notre Dame husbands.

Prayers.

Tom Casoy and Tom Osborne have been called home by the illness of parents; five other sick relatives are recommended to your prayers.