
Clinkers.

A furnace that burns mine run is bound to have clinkers. Clinkers may look impressive when the whole furnace is all aglow, but they are worse than useless; they waste the heat of good coal, they take up good room, and obstruct the draft, they give coal a bad reputation. Now and then through the winter you can remove a clinker without drawing the fire, but in the spring you have to dump the grate and clean house thoroughly. -- The Catholic Church burns mine run; she takes what comes. On Trinity Sunday she dumps the clinkers. Trinity Sunday is eight days off.

Pentecost Sunday.

Today is a day of fast and abstinence; tomorrow is one of the greatest feasts of the year, Pentecost, the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles. Catholics who receive Holy Communion only on the great feasts are expected to be at the rail tomorrow. Students will do well to pray for the Gifts of the Holy Ghost that will teach them to use the faculties God has given them for His honor and glory and for the good of their souls.

Start the Jubilee Tomorrow.

Five visits a day for four days, and Confession and Communion; these are the conditions for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence. Start tomorrow and end Wednesday. Remember the injunction to make your Jubilee confession at some time other than during Mass. Extra confessions in the church at 12:30 and 5:00 p.m. daily.

A general confession might well be made for the Jubilee if you care to do so. It is not required, but it is in conformity with the spirit of the indulgence, which is granted for the purpose of turning our minds away from sin and towards the punishment of sin. The general confession is particularly recommended for seniors, as they are soon to begin what is approximately a new state of life. For scrupulous persons a general confession is harmful; for those who have an uncorrected bad confession on their souls it is necessary; for others it is useful.

If you have ever been refused absolution, and have not gone back to confession since that time, you should by all means make the Jubilee. If you do not understand the purpose of the refusal, explain the matter to the priest. It may be that the priest had no faculties to grant you absolution; in your jubilee confession all reserved faculties are supplied with a couple of exceptions that will not concern you.

Prayers.

Orville Hough requests prayers for his grandmother who died a few days ago. Three students ask prayers for deceased friends. George Wallner's sister continues very low. Five special intentions are recommended.

Questions from the Questionnaire.

136. Should a fellow attempt to convert a girl, even though he does not intend to marry?

Ans. It is a good work, but dangerous to his intention. -

137. Why is it that I have a dread of the confessional?

Ans. Human nature seems stronger than faith in your case.

138. Would Galileo have been persecuted had the authorities been non-Catholics?

Ans. Ask Wayne B. Wheeler.