
Questions From the Questionnaire

7. What chance has a senior to come back at this stage of the game?

Ans. A few years ago a senior who had made his Easter Duty on Trinity Sunday five years in succession came to Communion again on Monday morning. He announced that he could not leave Notre Dame without being a daily communicant, and he kept his promise during the two weeks that remained before commencement. Since that time he leads his gang of Notre Dame grads to six o'clock Mass every morning during Lent and is seen at the Holy Table frequently between times. The Good Thief came back on the cross.

8. What is sophomoritis?

Ans. Send self-addressed envelope for reply.

9. Don't you think the ostrich idea is becoming hideously trite?

Ans. That's nothing to what the ostrich is becoming.

10. Do you think the Church question in Mexico will ever be settled?

Ans. Not while the American government will recognize only anti-Catholic governments, as it did when it put Juarez into power under Buchanan and Carranza under Wilson.

11. Why do you receive both the Body and Blood of Our Lord when the priest consecrates only the Body?

Ans. He consecrates the living Body, which contains the Blood, the soul, and the Divinity.

12. Must we have full consent of the will in order to commit a mortal sin?

Ans. Absolutely.

13. How can a man with a perpetually evil mind receive Holy Communion daily?

Ans. Temptation is not sin; temptation does not preclude reception; sin does.

14. How can I break a bad habit?

Ans. Read pages 123-133 of the Sixth Survey.

15. Why is Notre Dame so indifferent to the celebration of St. Patrick's Day?

Ans. She isn't. She gives it the proper spiritual celebration. It is a spiritual day.

16. Why are so many Notre Dame men so uncouth, so ungentlemanly?

Ans. When they are uncouth it is because that is their idea of being manly. Put to the test they are rarely ungentlemanly.

17. What makes Catholics so cold-blooded and almost arrogant about religion?

Ans. They are confident. One can be confident when he knows he has the Truth.

18. How should one consider his spiritual life in relation to his material life?

Ans. Read Ideals of Youth. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,....."

19. Can a boy who leads a worldly life become a priest?

Ans. St. Augustine became a good one. If you have followed him in worldliness you may also follow him in penance.

20. Is not the Survey a means of cheap publicity for Notre Dame?

Ans. The editor who said that used to say that Notre Dame had no more religion than a state school. You can't convince anyone who will not be convinced. Notre Dame has certainly initiated more useful movements in education than any other Catholic school in America, and each time a new movement was begun it had to face the same charge. The Survey has saved many souls. Be ashamed of yourself.