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What About Father?

If your enthusiasm for your fathers is to be measured by your attendance at the Sacraments during the Fathers' Day Novena, it is pretty low. Even if your father is a big bum, you should not let the world know you are ashamed of him. How make the Novena? A good way would be to offer Holy Mass and Communion and say the Litany of St. Joseph for the nine days.

Prayers.

Wm. Salm's brother, a student at Loyola in New Orleans, was shot by a hold-up man last week, but was not dangerously injured. Raymond Blizzard's aunt is not expected to live. Three persons for whom prayers were asked are reported much improved. Three others who are ill are recommended to your prayers. Four special intentions are added to the list; one of these is that a student's brother will make his Easter Duty this year. (We might add a flock of those around here.)

On Not Being Sent For.

The last question on yesterday's Bulletin caused some comment. If you are staying away from the Sacraments and the Prefect of Religion is not sending for you it may be through inadvertence, ignorance, or any one of many other reasons. It may help you to know some of these other reasons; here they are for one group:

- A is posing at present, and the attention would flatter him and prolong his sophomoritis. He'll wake up in time, and is honest enough to come in when he does;
- B lied the last time he was in and will not be invited to the Sacraments until it appears that there will be no danger of a bad confession;
- C thinks he knows more than the Catholic Church, and will have to have a catastrophe to humble him;
- D is afraid that what he says would be used against him;
- E has a grudge against priests and will have to come to the realization that priests are not dumb, and that when they give up the world for a life of sacrifice -- to work for heedless individuals who are ungrateful and resentful -- they do so for the glory of God, their own salvation, and the good of their neighbor. E is so hidebound that any attention on the part of the Prefect of Religion he would interpret as personal persecution;
- F has to develop some initiative or he will never be able to take care of himself when he leaves here. He must bring himself around.

You may find yourself in this group. If you do, you can end your vigil. No one is going to send for you, at least for the present, and if you want to join the Church you can get busy and do it yourself. You are always welcome.

Where is Your Questionnaire?

The questionnaire this year is the best one ever devised for the annual investigation. It will do you a world of good to look into your own case along the lines suggested. And when we give it to the world we don't want to have to admit in the Introduction that this year's brand of Notre Dame men were too dumb to answer it.

One On The Horse.

One dollar came in yesterday on the horse. The Knights of Columbus have furnished a saddle and bridle for him. They can be used if we can ever throw him together. At present he is worse off than the carrion of the ball and chain.