

Don't Hurt Your Mother's Feelings.

Your mother will feel hurt if she ever finds out that Notre Dame boys make Novenas for their mothers and you haven't made one for her. The Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers' Day is on sale at the News Stand, the Candy Store and the Book Store. Get one early.

May Devotions Tonight

at 7:30. Father Bolger will preach on Birth Control.

Questions.

81. Please say something about stealing.

Ans. Shakespeare said: "Who steals my purse steals trash," but he didn't say what the other fellow gets. The loser is always the thief. His victim soon forgets, and ceases to attach importance to what he has lost, but the thief doesn't forget. The loser knows, too, that if the thief ever comes to himself, the value of the stolen article will be returned -- and it may come as a gift when he least expects it. The thief knows that he can never get any good out of the stolen goods, and that if he never make restitution for grave matter he has eternal punishment awaiting him; even if the matter is light, purgatory hangs over his head as long as he refuses to right the wrong done.

82. How about a Bulletin on envy?

Ans. Nothing doing. It's too mean a vice to deserve that much space. While envy breeds murder and the things that lead up to murder, and while the envy of the devil brought original sin into the world, envy does not, as a rule, harm anyone but the one who harbors it in his bosom. Envy eats out the heart of its victim; it is a spiritual cancer. "The eye of the envious is wicked; and he turneth away his face, and despiseth his own soul." -- Ecclesiasticus, vi, 1.

83. I would like to see a discussion on swearing.

Ans. A college man shouldn't need one. Profanity is the conversational crutch of the unlettered. It is a badge of weakness, either of mind or will; of mind, in one who knows no better words to use; of will, in one who lacks the power to correct a habit of infantile blustering.

84. Is it wrong to pray most of the Mass for Communion?

Ans. No. The prayers of the Mass themselves are the priest's preparation for Communion and they are the best prayers the Church offers for this purpose. The booklet "Pray the Mass" will give you practice at this.

85. How can one with a romantic turn of mind overcome selfishness?

Ans. Romance should breed beautiful charity. Let the romantic mind turn on something besides its possessor. Read the Life of St. Francis of Assisi to see how this is done.

86. Why do students brag about drunken escapades?

Ans. It's the well-known inferiority complex. When a fellow gets the notion that the world thinks he is a weakling, he simply has to talk like a bold, bad man. It doesn't mean that he is bad, but only that his mind is immature or a bit weak.

87. What is the difference between the indulgences?

Ans. An indulgence is the remission of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sin after the sin has been forgiven; a plenary indulgence remits all punishment, a partial indulgence of, say, forty days, remits as much punishment as would have been taken away by one of the old canonical penances of the early Church performed for forty days. If you want more information, make your question more specific.