

Religious Bulletin

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Prayers.

Carl Schickles, '27, asks prayers for his father, who died suddenly Saturday night; Larry Groden, of the same class, for his mother, who is critically ill. Prayers for sick relatives are also requested by Tom Hopkins, Joe Vertacnik, Bob Jackson, and another student. Four special intentions and a deceased person are also recommended.

Questions.

99. How can you drive evil thoughts from your mind and make them stay out?

Ans. Some suggestions on driving them out were given Friday (q. 95). You can't expect them to stay out until half an hour after you're dead, according to the judgment of an old missionary. They may be a good thing; they may save your soul. They keep you humble, they incline you to be charitable to others who may have temptations worse than yours, and they make you depend upon God. Every temptation resisted gives you grace and merit, and develops your character. Don't worry about them.

100. How should we pray?

Ans. With humility, sincerity, and perseverance. Meditate on each of those words. And when you have read all the books, and learned all there is to prayer, you will find that the whole of it is summed up in the petition of the Our Father, "Thy Will be done." Hear a dying Christian say that and you will know how to pray.

101. What are the Catholic views on co-education?

Ans. Look about you and you will see what the Catholic Church considers the ideal.

102. Should one's love for his mother be greater than his love for his wife?

Ans. God said to Adam: "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and cleave to his wife." Nothing can ever supplant a mother's love, but the interests of the wife come first in the equal order of charity.

103. How can one tell when he has made a good confession?

Ans. If you fear the validity of any of your confessions, tell your confessor about it and accept his decision. General rules given here might be misapplied.

104. Do you object to a Catholic boy marrying a Catholic girl to reform her?

Ans. Now if she is willing to be reformed and he is willing to have his Purgatory on earth; but he should arrange to have the kids brought up in an orphan asylum -- home will be no place for them.

105. Explain the Grotto.

Ans. The Grotto at Notre Dame is a replica of the natural one at Lourdes, at which the Blessed Virgin appeared, in 1858, to Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl who later became a nun and is now known as Blessed Bernadette. It was four years after the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and the Blessed Virgin asked this little girl to have a church built on the spot in her honor. After a series of apparitions, the Blessed Virgin told Bernadette to scratch in the sand in a corner of the cave; she did so and a fountain of water appeared, which has been flowing ever since; and this water has cured thousands of people of all sorts of diseases, both at Lourdes and elsewhere. -- The Grotto here is a masterpiece of architecture and workmanship, and is one of the truest reproductions in existence.

106. How did people stay on earth before the law of gravity was passed?

Ans. They weren't so lightheaded in those days.

107. How can I get my roommate to go to the Sacraments?

Ans. Sprinkle him with Holy Water and make the Sign of the Cross every time you see him.