
The Novena For Christmas.

You want to do this much for the folks, and to get the Novena finished you have to start soon. The items suggested for the Spiritual Bouquet are these:

Holy Communions	Visits
Masses heard	Aspirations
Rosaries	Mortifications

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The cards you will find at the pamphlet rack.

Be Careful Whose Taxi You Steal.

Last Friday evening a priest ordered a taxi for a sick call. The chauffeur left the car behind Sorin Hall for a few minutes while he called his fare; he returned to find the car missing. It was picked up later on Lincoln Way East.

Fortunately, the sick call was not delayed long; a visitor took the priest to his destination. But the taxi driver was out his car for the evening, out the five dollars he had paid for the car, and out the seven dollars' profit which was the normal expectancy that particular evening. Moral theology declares you guilty of grave sin if you take from a workman a day's pay; the damage in this case was nearly two days' pay.

Somebody had his fun Friday evening; he can now pay for it. Restitution is always part of the forgiveness of sin. He can send the amount to the Manager of the Yellow Cab Co., who will reach the driver damaged. It is expected that restitution will be made before Christmas.

Prayers.

Bob French's father and Patrick Varraveto's mother died last Thursday. Four other deceased persons, friends of priests or students, are recommended to your prayers; two of them are victims of accidents. And please pray for five who are very ill. Jack Zuber requests prayers for an aunt who just died.

No Visitors.

You will do a favor to the sick and to those who take care of them if you will stay out of the infirmary when you don't belong there. The infirmary is busy enough these days; visitors are using up all the oxygen on the sick, and delaying their cure.

Does Vacation Mean Sin?

This is about the time of year for this question to be discussed. Here are a few points to consider:

1. If you intend to commit mortal sin during the holidays you certainly must not receive the Sacraments now; fear of sin, however, is not intention.
2. If some occasion of sin awaits you at home, ask the advice of some priest before you go; if it is certainly a proximate occasion, you must certainly give it up; if it isn't, the priest will suggest ways of making it remote.
3. The fear that you will slip back into old ways is often the forerunner of a fall, acting by way of autosuggestion. Autosuggestion can and should be turned to your advantage; make up your mind that you are not going to lose all you have gained.
4. Look over the suggestions given in Perseverance. You still have time to catch up some of the loose threads in your character.
5. Make your Christmas Novena be a novena for perseverance as well as for God's blessing on your family.