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The New Mixed Marriage Legislation.

An authentic version of the recent decree on mixed marriage (the original version was seriously distorted in the first reports) has just been released by the N.C.W.C. It consists of the Latin text with an official translation and a commentary by Dr. Moutry, of the department of Canon Law at the Catholic University. In substance, the decree adds only one provision to the legislation now in force, namely, that the parties seeking a dispensation for mixed marriage sign a fourth promise, that no one, not even the state, shall be allowed to interfere with the Catholic education of any children born to the marriage. (The three promises now signed are the agreement that the Catholic shall endeavor to convert the non-Catholic party to the marriage, that there shall be no attempt at a non-Catholic marriage, and that children born to the union shall be reared in the Catholic faith.)

In this connection it is necessary to call your attention to a recent letter of the Most Rev. Bishop of Fort Wayne, which reminds pastors of their obligation, imposed by the diocesan synod, to give a minimum of six instructions in the Catholic faith and the obligations of matrimony to non-Catholics who seek to marry Catholics. The Bishop instructs pastors not to request dispensation for mixed marriage in cases where this requirement is not fulfilled. Please bear this in mind, and don't come along some day with a girl on your arm and ask a priest to telephone for a dispensation so that you can get married this afternoon.

The Final Examination.

Lawrence Brown, a senior at Niagara University, made preparations for the mid-term examinations. The Forty Hours devotions started on Sunday, and Larry said to one of his friends: "I am going to confession tonight and I intend to go to Holy Communion every day from the opening of the Forty Hours until the exams are over. I want to hit them all with a good mark. And every day he carried out his good intention. Every morning he went to Mass at 7:00 a.m. and received Holy Communion. Friday night he made his last preparations for the first examination. All examinations in religion were scheduled for Saturday morning, and with a group of his classmates he studied and remarked to one of the priests that he was ready and was confident that he was going to pass them all.

On Saturday the bell rang for Mass but Larry did not appear. When the crowd gathered for breakfast he was missing. His pals declared among themselves that he must have slept over after reviewing the night before. They went to his room and found him still in bed. His book on religion was close by, and it appeared as if he had used it after he had crept into bed.

But the sleeper had already taken his examination. - A heart attack in the night was the verdict of the doctor. And the students, stunned with grief and shocked at the suddenness of his passing, agreed that Larry had passed his finals, for they felt that if anyone were ready for the final exam, none was more prepared than he. They then recalled his confidence of "hitting them all with a good mark," and all were certain that he "got by." -- The London (Ontario) Catholic Record.

Say a prayer for Larry, remember Joe Ford, who died last year on the eve of his first semester exams at Notre Dame, and make the present Novena - that God may spare us this year. (We don't want to have Death step in to teach us to live in the state of grace.)

Brownson and Carroll: Note Change of Schedule.

The Way of the Cross on Friday nights hereafter will be held at 7:30, not 7:00.
PRAYERS: Ill: Friends of Chas. Mannix and Jos. Loughlin; Fr. McGrath, of Auburn, N.Y.; Fr. Hudson (reported dying). Two special intentions.