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St. Joseph's Day Tomorrow: Father's Day.

In your Holy Communion tomorrow remember the following intentions:

1. God's blessing on your father (St. Joseph was head of the Holy Family).
2. The grace of a happy death (St. Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary).
3. Relief for the unemployed (St. Joseph is model of workingmen).

Questions From the Questionnaire.

13. What makes some priests so grouchy?

Ans. Liver complaint, mostly. Answering the same dumb question over and over increases the secretion of bile. And if you think they don't ask dumb questions, sit by a priest's telephone on a fast day or a vigil that isn't a fast day and count the calls for information that was broadcast the previous Sunday; or sit there on a holyday or the eve of a holyday and tell people what time the Masses are (those calls even come at 2 a.m.); or sit in the office of the Prefect of Religion and answer - by the dozen - questions that were answered in that day's Bulletin. And then when the day's work is done and the bones are about to be laid away to rest, see if there isn't a dumb kluck at the door who wants to know how to go about marrying a divorced woman.

14. What is this life all about?

Ans. Re-read the first page of your catechism.

15. How come the low birth rate and the three cheers for the Catholic marriage?

Ans. We presume you refer to the Alumni Survey. Read it again, carefully this time, and underscore the three cheers if you can find them; compare the birth rates of the Catholic and mixed marriages; compare these marriages on points of Catholic life.

16. What is Notre Dame's greatest fault?

Ans. Probably, her tolerance of wilful ignorance. The Army uses sergeants to root it out.

17. Give the students something to say around here.

Ans. "Try and stop 'em." Seriously, though, there are universities where students have something to say about the government of the school. Try one of them if you wish.

18. Discuss how to combat birth control.

Ans. It is an individual matter, so the conscience must be affected. Prayer and fasting will do more than anything to obtain this. If we leave it to God, we can tell from past history what may happen: barbarian invasions to overthrow decadent civilization. "God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham." He has done it in the past; we have no assurance that He will not do it again.

19. Do roommates help or hinder one spiritually?

Ans. That depends partly on the roommate and partly on yourself. A few years ago a senior presented himself for a thorough going-over. He had had a good freshman year. In his sophomore year he had taken as a roommate a man from his home town, a backslider, in the hope of reforming him. No reform came; on the contrary, by the end of the semester he was as bad as his roommate; he had continued so for two years. That one visit effected a great change. He is still a good reformed Catholic. -- But seldom does any good come of an attempt to warn a boy against his company: you lose two friends by it, as a rule.

PRAYERS: Wm. Minardo was called home last night by the grave illness of his father. Feliks Wiatrowski's mother is ill. A friend of Russell Gramer is very ill. Dick Hyde's grandfather is very ill. A deceased relative of Father John Kelley. A deceased friend of Hugh McNarney. Four special intentions.