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Five Masses for Your Father.

Prompted primarily by the desire to save 1000 fathers of Notre Dame students from the neglect of their sons at school, the Religious Bulletin will offer five Masses for the intentions of the fathers of the present generation of Notre Dame students. The first of these Masses was offered this morning; the others will be the four student Masses next Sunday. Those who have offered the Novena for their fathers will be included as well as those who have failed in this mark of respect and filial affection, and the suggestion is offered that you offer Holy Communion for your fathers next Sunday.

Bad Debts Novena.

No, we are not starting a collection agency. The Novena is to be made by debtors, not creditors. We are simply trying to salvage our self-respect. Beginning Sunday, we will pray for nine days for those to whom we are indebted for favors of any kind, and whose claim on us we have failed to recognize sufficiently. Better make a list of your spiritual creditors: your godparents, your parents, those who taught you your prayers, the priest and the Sisters who prepared you for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the pals who have saved you from temptations, the priests who have restored you to grace when you had lost it by mortal sin, the authors of books that have influenced you for good.... go ahead - make your own list, not forgetting the pal to whom you owe six bits.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

20. Are Catholics more moral than non-Catholics?

Ans. They should be, with all the means of grace at their disposal. Unfortunately, many Catholics are much worse than many non-Catholics. There is in the Catholic Church, however, a great nucleus of heroic virtue not found in the same degree in non-Catholics. It produces the Saints; it keeps God's wrath from destroying the world.

21. To what extent should the Catholic Church of today mix in politics?

Ans. To no extent. The Church must defend herself against encroachments upon her rights; she can do this without mixing in politics. Individual Catholics are citizens or subjects, as the case may be, of the government under which they live, and they must be loyal to their country. This loyalty includes intelligent and conscientious participation in such government affairs as belong to other citizens.

22. I am in my third year now and I have not yet found a good account of the Inquisition. Where can I find one?

Ans. "A Brief for the Spanish Inquisition," by Eliza Atkins Stone, a non-Catholic, is on sale at the Ave Maria office. It is a good account. (You must skip a good many classes if you haven't had the Inquisition straightened out; it comes up everywhere.)

23. I want a concise background for business ethics.

Ans. The Seventh Commandment is one. You will hear it elaborated in the sermons on Sunday, April 24. For a further discussion, follow the course in Distributive Justice.

24. Who swiped my Economics text?

Ans. Ask Madam Zaza, at the Monogram Abzurdities tonight, Thursday or Saturday night. PRAYERS: Deceased - an uncle of Fr. Reynolds (and father of Dr. Edw. Reynolds, '19); a cousin of Edmund Murray, C.S.C.; a friend of a student. Ill: Clarence Gruszynski's mother; the father of Paul Leuken, '28; Jos. Vassallo's mother; Philip Archer's brother; an aunt of Louis Alaman. Three special intentions.