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Simplifying Catholicism.

An alumnus writes: "Is there any effort being made within the Church to simplify the Catholic religion? I find that most of the objections raised to Catholicism are based upon the details which are not essential, such as statues, indulgences, medals, etc."

The answer is NO. Since for the real Catholic religion is life, it is as impossible to simplify religion as it is to simplify life. There are too many individual tastes in the world for you to get far along that line. Don't worry about the objections. Tell your non-Catholic inquirers to read the catechism and find out what Catholics believe. You can't learn all about elephants simply by watching a circus parade - and that's as much as is known about us by the non-Catholics who think we do and believe such weird things.

A Catholic who regards indulgences as non-essential will be sorry when he reaches Purgatory. A man who doesn't like statues should burn the family photograph album. A man who rejects medals has no business wearing a class pin.... and the medal has these advantages for the one who wears it with faith: 1. It gains the protection of a fraternity brother who is canonized; 2. It carries indulgences. In other words, don't be too sure of what are non-essentials.

Van Wallace Thanks You.

A recent letter from Van Wallace reports that the Easter Bulletin on his plight brought a real Notre Dame response - dozens of letters, cards, and the like. He wants to extend his thanks to all who remembered him, especially to those who failed to sign their names. He was especially cheered by the note of one football player who said: "I'm not a helluva letter-writer, but I'll make a novena for you." Novenas do more good than letters, after all, but both mean much to an invalid.

The Grotto Has Been Popular.

The singing at the Grotto during the month has been well attended. Figures to date are as follows:

Mon.	Rain	250	300	350
Tues.	225	250	350	320
Wed.	275	200	260	130*
Thurs.	200	300	275	280
Fri.	Rain	150*	300	
Sat.	50*	115*	140*	*Movie
Sun.	110 <sup>#</sup>	250	190 <sup>#</sup>	<sup>#</sup> Band concert

Carroll Hall 100%

Carroll Hall reports a 100% protest against obnoxious movies. Eleven of the thirteen halls have now reported, and although it is too late now for further action this year, you will be gratified to know that reports of the effectiveness of these protests are still coming in. Those who live up to the letter of their protests, and abstain from patronizing Hollywood's unfragrant offerings will do their share towards cleaning up a foul situation.

PRAYERS: James Brady, a sophomore last year, was killed in an auto accident Saturday. Deceased - Bishop O'Hern, of Rochester; Msgr. Cleary, of St. Paul; Maurice Riganti's father; Jas. Kirby, ex-'15; the father of Jos. Wilk, '31; the mother of Hugh McGowan, ex-'24; the widow of Patrick Larkin, ex-'79; two friends. Ill - Vincent Bruno's sister. An infant nephew of Ray Mulvey died; prayers are requested for the child's parents. Five special intentions.