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"Through the Centuries" - Thursday and Friday.

The new Catholic screen production, "Through the Centuries," which has been announced for preview Friday, will come in time for presentation Thursday night as well, according to word received yesterday from New York. Mrs. Rita McGoldrick, through whose courtesy this preview is secured, will be present Friday evening to explain how the picture came to be made. Mrs. McGoldrick has been the pioneer Catholic critic of moving pictures; her "White List" has been the standard criterion of what is worth seeing in current productions.

The picture will be shown at 8:00 both Thursday and Friday evenings.

Go to Confession Early This Week.

Don't count on a chance for confession Friday evening or Saturday morning. If you want to offer Holy Communion for the team at the Mass in church Saturday, go to confession beforehand if you need to go. The Rally Club has plans which interfere with Friday confessions; the opportunities Saturday morning are quite limited. You know what counts.

Monthly 's. Daily Communion.

"It is better to live a whole month in the grace of God, without any Communion (and the thing can be done), than to go to Communion daily and still commit three mortal sins a week: which is not wholly impossible. But, speaking generally, who is more likely to pass the month without mortal sin, the daily communicant, or he who makes no Communion at all? There can be no doubt about the answer.

"Monthly Communion is well, are there not many monthly communicants, aye, and many of them, too, whose way it has been to spend part of the month in the state of grace, waiting for their next Confession and Communion day? God knows for many souls monthly Communion is not enough to ensure their keeping in the state of grace. Then try daily Communion."
-- Joseph Kickaby, S.J., A Week of Communions.

These considerations are sound. Let us add to them these observations:

1. Living in the state of grace without Communion for a month is good, but it overlooks the vast good that would come of the 29 Communions missed - an incalculable good of the positive order, which can be replaced by nothing else;
2. The man who receives worthily every day and still commits three mortal sins a week would be committing a great many more than three sins a week were he not a daily communicant, for the indication is that he is having a terrific fight against his daily temptations;
3. Every day spent in mortal sin is lost for all eternity, and if the sinner dies in that state, he is lost as well;
4. The man who spends the greater portion of the month in sin may well question the purpose of amendment he brings to his monthly confession if it does not include the extraordinary means of grace which experience shows him he needs.

Charity.

"Put this on no. Three's nose (as per Nov. 14's Bulletin) in thanks to the Poor Souls for a favor received. The odds are 10 to 1 that they are going to have a tough time this winter." The money has been laid on the line for the poor (and has already been dispensed to a deserving case).

PRAYERS: Deceased - Dr. John F. Colden, Chicago; Miss Elisabeth Cooney; relatives of Tom Hughes; Arch Ward, '21; Corrald Busch, '25; Paul Schrantz, ex-'31; Father Cooney.