
The Cry of "Hypocrite!"

It takes a brave man to call another a hypocrite.

There are two kinds of bravery, however. There is the bravery of stupidity, foolhardiness, and the bravery of wisdom, which is bravery properly so-called.

Our Lord had the bravery of wisdom. He alone had clean hands; He alone knew the secrets of the heart. With His divine knowledge, with His clear conscience, with His divine fortitude, He could call the Pharisees hypocrites.

Wise and prudent men forebear to use the term, remembering the warning of Our Lord: "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

Stupid men use the term freely, especially when their consciences goad them, as is usual when Trinity Sunday approaches. In self-defense they cry "hypocrite" at all Christians who make use of the Sacraments to heal their spiritual ailments, without waiting to attain Christian perfection before approaching to these sources of grace.

Being stupid they fail to see the hypocrisy of which they are guilty when they come to Notre Dame and lead a pagan life. They are perfectly willing to bask in the sunshine of Notre Dame reputation, to appear before the world as Notre Dame men, when their ideals and their life are of the world, not of Our Lady's children.

Pray for them. They are not many, and they cannot find the comfort in numbers that good boys can. No matter how bravely they may boast of their derelictions, it is quite likely that they are eating out their own hearts, especially if they have good mothers praying for them. Add your prayers that they may receive the grace to be reconciled to God before it is too late.

Pray for them, not only that they may salvage their wasted lives, but that they may get back into the state of grace before death overtakes them and plunges them into an eternity of woe. There is always the possibility of sudden death. Never forget that most of the students who have died at Notre Dame during the past dozen years have died suddenly, without a chance for confession.

And be slow ever to call a man a hypocrite .

Questions From the Questionnaire.

97. Are there not individuals who would lead better lives amid adversities?

Ans. The world is full of them. Most of us, individually and socially, lead better lives when the going is hard. Not so many people can stand prosperity. (This is especially true of the Irish in this country.)

98. What is the best way to secure the speedy conversion of loved ones?

Ans. By prayer. Faith is a grace - it is given in answer to prayer. Did you put the names into the Novena for Pentecost? Did you make the Novena yourself? (If you have any particular problem of this sort to talk over, see a priest. The Prefect of Religion has had experience with hundreds of these cases, and is glad to help in more. Call at Sorin Hall, 141, after 8:00 p.m.)

Albany Students Attention.

The Chancellor of the Albany diocese has furnished the University with a copy of the regulations for the examination of candidates for the priesthood. These may be seen at the office of the Assistant Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall.