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Soul Insurance.

You can't travel without exposing yourself to some physical danger. You can, however protect your soul from every danger by receiving the sacraments before you leave the campus and by keeping yourself always in the state of grace.

Value of the State of Grace.

For a serious moment before you go, consider the following excerpts from the Imitation of Christ:

When Jesus is present all is well, and nothing seems difficult; but when Jesus is absent, everything is hard.

Did not Mary Magdalen instantly rise up from the place where she wept, when Martha said to her: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee"?

How dry and hard art thou without Jesus! How foolish and vain, if thou desire anything out of Jesus!

Is not this a greater loss to thee than if thou shouldst lose the whole world?

And if thou drive Him from thee and lose Him, to whom wilt thou fly? And whom, then, wilt thou seek for thy friend?

Without a friend, thou canst not live happily; and if Jesus be not a friend to thee above all, thou wilt indeed be sad and desolate.

Thou dost foolishly, therefore, to trust in any other, or to rejoice in any other.

We ought rather to choose to have the whole world against us than to offend Jesus.

Of all, therefore, that are dear to thee let Jesus be thy special beloved.

Let all be loved for Jesus' sake, but Jesus for his own sake.

Thou must bear a pure heart if thou wilt be free....And indeed thou wilt never attain to this unless thou be prevented and drawn by His grace.

For when the grace of God cometh to a man, then is he powerful for all things; and when it departeth, then is he poor and weak, and left only as it were to scourgings.

In those circumstances, he must not be dejected or despair; but calmly remain, awaiting the will of God, and bear, for the glory of Jesus Christ, whatever shall befall him; because, after the winter cometh summer, after the night the day returneth, after the storm cometh a great calm.

And Socrates was not too far from pertinent advice when he said: "The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."

A happy Easter!

PRAYERS: Ill, grandmother of Joseph Massick (Dillon). Six special intentions. Please continue prayers during the holidays for Charles Hodierno (Dillon) and Dan Koefe (Freshman).