

May devotions Wednesday
night, 7 and 7:30--
Benediction, and sermon
by Father Lahey.

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Mass, Thursday, 6:25,
for Tom Doyle's father
--in Sorin Hall.

Is Bad Speech Popular?

Do college companions secretly applaud bad speech? 724 students answered the latest Survey. Altogether, 793 suggestions were presented--many, violent suggestions--for overcoming bad habits of speech. Listen to these:

"Gag the fellows who use bad language." "Get the whipping post for them."
"Use solitary confinement as the cure." "Mash laundry soap into their mouths."
"Throw them under the shower."

One upperclassman offers this: "Have somebody punch you in the nose each time. I'm serious." Pardon the shock of this one: "One would hardly spit on the paten when going to Communion. Bad speech is just as much an insult to God."

A Drive.

"Put on a drive," one Junior suggests, "through the Blessed Mother." The drive is on if each of you will make the effort for clean speech a point of honor during the month of May.

Some Hints.

Here is a summary of the cures suggested for overcoming bad habits of speech:

1. "Think before you speak." So counselled 127. "Shut up a while and give your ears a chance."---"Consider that at the Final Judgment everyone, including your mother and wife, will hear you."---"Realize that it is crudeness, not toughness."---"Form your sentence into a well-rounded statement with intelligent words. Then consider whether you'd include it in an interview with God."---"Just a bit of thought as to what it gets you outside of unpleasant memories."---"If you can bear to call God names, I can't."
2. "Pray after each offense." 87 students thought that a good cure. "Swap an ejaculation for every slip."---"A short prayer for forgiveness when you realize what you've said."---"Ask Jesus to help you prevent another fall."---"Pray to the Blessed Virgin when you offend."---"Visit the Grotto."---"Go to Holy Communion frequently."
3. "Do penance for every offense." 116 suggested this method. "Give a nickel to the poor each time."---"I have a fifty-cent bet with one fellow that he can't speak cleanly till June. He is winning the fifty cents."---"Have a friend impose a fine when he catches you."---"Try to cut out smoking every time you slip."
4. "Insist on good associates." 118 found this the crux of the problem. "Just have one fellow in your crowd who doesn't have this habit."---"Form a club among friends to oppose bad speech."---"Have your friends remind you."---"Imagine your mother present."---"Go with fellows who are deeper than words."---"Spend more time in the company of priests or brothers or girls whom you respect." And here is an exceptionally good one: "Have your friend or pal bow his head every time you say something off color. Make an agreement with him. This cannot be beat for effectiveness."

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MASS Friday, 7:15, Dillon, Bill Whitman's mother; request Tennessee Club.

PRAYERS: Deceased, mother of Bill Whitman (Lyons). 111, uncle of Don Martin '34; aunt of Joe Zwiers (St. Ed's.). Six special intentions.