
The Road to Ruin.

Slight Mary and soon you slight Christ, her Son. Protestants generally minimize Mary's importance; and they freely question the divinity of her Son.

A Methodist minister of England, the Rev. A. E. Whitham, senses the cause of disaster within his church. He writes in the Methodist Recorder:

"I am ashamed to confess that only once in my whole ministry I have preached a sermon in praise of Mary. In Free Church thought and affection she has never been given her due place. We have never given her the place she is given in the New Testament, though we profess to be New Testament Christians. She is there called the most blessed of women, for she did feed lips that spake as man never spake, with her own milk. She did shadow with her divinely maiden self the Light of Life when it was frailer than smoking flax. She taught Him who was to bring the world to God his first lessons of God. She held with the girdle of her mothering this Holy Child in His untried ways, Him who was to bind the world with golden chains of love about the feet of God. She caught Him in His tiny falls, Him who was to catch a world in its plunge into night, and roll it back into the paths of light. This is the most mysterious trust ever committed to the care of humanity--God subject to His own creatures, that through that subjection He may at last bring all things into subjection to Himself."

It is equally true in the life of any individual--especially of any Catholic individual, and most especially of any Notre Dame man--that waning devotion to Mary is the first shadow of ruin.

Did you neglect October adoration? How many times have you said your beads, attended Benediction during this month? Is any particular devotion to Mary--say, the three Hail Marys morning and night--a part of your daily life? Look you to it!

On Highest Authority.

His Excellency Most Reverend Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, spoke recently at the Seventh Annual Eucharistic Congress in Cleveland.

"All the apostolic letters with which the Holy Father sends his legates to Eucharistic congresses," he said, "insist on the necessity of sanctifying individual and social life by means of the Eucharist and invite unceasingly all the faithful to nourish themselves with the Bread of Life.

"It is the presence of Christ that makes Christianity. Catholic Action has only one object and that is to secure the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."

Specifically, the papal envoy urged the promotion of more Eucharistic functions and services and "frequent, nay daily Communion."

The three great theologians opposed to daily Communion are the World, the Flesh, and the Devil. Are you, under some subterfuge, lined up with them?

Only two requirements are necessary for the worthy reception of Holy Communion. They are: freedom from mortal sin, and a good intention.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Joe Ratigan (Sorin); father of Bernard ('30) and Tom (27) Conroy; Michael T. Wall, benefactor of the University. Ill, friend of student, father of Luke Tieman (Sorin); mother of Jim Carmody (Sorin). 4 special intentions.

Deceased, Victor Anglovar, brother of Tony Anglovar, '34, killed in an automobile accident last Saturday night.