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munion in body at 8:00
o'clock Mass next Sunday.

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Prayers: (ill) father of
Jack Freedy (Howard).

Commentary On Some American Customs.

"It is typical of the new order that by general consent, at the instigation of the press, an institution called Mother's Day was established with a view toward persuading the American child to remember his or her mother once in the course of a year. This is no joke, but to my humble opinion an alarming sign of the times, and I view it as a hopeful indication that, to the average French son, every day is Mother's Day without an intervention on the part of the press; even fathers are affectionately remembered by their offspring in France, and I have just learned that Father's Day has lately been added to the American calendar. Many a foolish marriage might be avoided if parental approbation were a more important factor when American children decide to marry and I believe that if family life were made more homelike in the old sense, sons and daughters would not be so impatient to leap into a new home of their own even with the wrong person. 'After all, Mary is not marrying John's family but John himself; it's their business' is an oft-heard phrase supposed to represent a fine, independent spirit whereas it only indicates disregard for the essential decencies of social existence. No marriage can be independent of the intimate circle from which husband or wife originally sprang and no individual can free himself entirely from the influences which shaped his surroundings. If a man dislikes his wife's relations so much that he hopes to be quit of them forever, I believe he cannot continue to be fond of his wife very long.

"If in the case of marriage, where so few people old or young apply the rules of reason, a reasonable rule could be laid down, it might be this: Never marry a person when you do not either like or respect any member of his or her family. And I also believe that any fair-minded judge, in striking a balance between the two systems, might conclude that the French theory, based on good sense, sound logic and practical equity, may not require so many apologies as are made for it."

(--From "Shadows Like Myself," by the Countess de Chambrun.)

The A. D. A.

A group at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart have organized themselves under the title, "Advocates of Decent Advertising." Their purpose is to cause the suppression of obscene and indecent advertisements. In order to spread their movement they are seeking the cooperation of Catholic groups throughout the country. If you are interested, write for further information to: The Advocates of Decent Advertising, Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Convent Avenue and West 133 St., New York City.

Objections To Daily Communion.

"I can't keep it up when I get out of school." Answer. Some do; some don't. It lies pretty much with the individual, at least in cities. But suppose you can't. If you were offered \$100,000 a year to be president of a corporation for four years, would you turn it down because you couldn't keep it up after four years? Or would you salt it away for the four years and let the rainy days take care of themselves? You can store up graces just as you can save money--better than that, for if you lose your money once it doesn't come back, but if you lose the state of grace, when you recover it you recover all the merit that was washed out when you fell into mortal sin.

"I find it too much of a strain to be good all the time." Answer. How heaven will bore you! If that "strain" is a result of scruples, see a priest and apply the cure, even if it means psychological surgery. If it is laxity of conscience, better make a general confession. If your purpose of amendment at past confessions was intended to cover only a day or a week, you have been making bad confessions. "Never to offend" for the future means never; it means that you resolve to "be good all the time." Don't say it with fingers crossed.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of John J. Fitzpatrick (Alum.). Ill, Mike Mongovan (Ly.).