

Leonard Casassa died  
November 6th last yr.  
Offer Mass & Communion

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for him tomorrow. The  
10:00 o'clock Mass  
will be said for him.

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"You Can't Take It With You...."

Why not?

Your answer to that question determines your philosophy of life.

If you figure that you can't take it with you because you are not going any place, you line up with an ever-increasing number of people in once Christian lands who deny that there is any life after death. To the extent to which they believe their own denial of the immortality of the soul, they are tempted to make the most of what this life has to offer--and too many of them do not resist that temptation.

Goodness knows that they have enough pontifical Ph.D.s to support them. They don't argue materialistic evolution any more-- they simply assume that all enlightened people accept it, and they look down their noses at the Catholic recalcitrants.

With that as a starting point (and it may not even be mentioned) they throw out the Ten Commandments and enthrone the Seven Deadly Sins. Philosophy goes by the boards, and in its place they set up a scientific psychology and sociology of this animal called man-- a sort of glorified animal husbandry.

People ask why there are so many communistic professors and students in the universities.

The reason is not far to seek. The communists are those who have carried their materialism just a bit further than the rest of the pack. They think that they are "seeing things through." They are mistaken, of course. But they really are a chapter ahead of the other fellows. They have looked ahead far enough to see that materialism does not fit into the scheme of things in a government that began with a declaration of God-given rights-- so they are out to change that basic conception of government.

The materialists want no Catholics teaching history or sociology or economics in the secular universities. Catholics can thwart the progress of the "new enlightenment." Catholics accept fixed principles-- eternal truths. "Progress" wants no hitching posts-- they drag and interrupt the upward climb-- to communism or what-have-you.

A great many of those people have never heard of the philosophy of Positivism, even though it is the philosophy they follow. It is the philosophy of NOW. We don't know where we came from, and life is too short to find out. We don't know where we're going, and we don't care. We know that we are here NOW. And the hedonist interprets this as, "Eat, drink and be merry..."

What is the Catholic answer? "Because there are no pockets in shrouds." No, you can't take it with you, if it is of the earth, earthly; but you can, and you will, take it with you, if it is of the spiritual order. You take with you out of this life your unrepented sins and your unsatisfied penance. And, if you die in the state of grace, you take with you all the merit you have accumulated in this life by all the good acts which you have performed in the state of grace.

Take stock of your individual account-- see where you stand on what you must take with you. And accept your social responsibility to God and to your country. In the promotion of a philosophy that fits our government, non-Catholics have left us too much alone.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Ed Wurtzebach (Old Inf.); grandfather of Dan Ryan (Scriny); Mrs. J. Kass; Geo. Hughes (Fortchester, N.Y.); two relatives of Tom Walker (Walsh); friend of John Julian; (killed in accident) Hepler Shockley (former student). Ill (operation) friend of Jim Casper (St. Eds.); cousin of Father Gartland; a Holy Cross priest; friend of Joe English; Bill Cogan (Fresh.); (operation) mother of friend of Bob Lochner ('37).