

FOR TOMORROW ONLY !!
Masses in Sacred Heart
Church: 6, 7, 8:30 (High)
10, 11, 11:30 - This will
take pressure off 10 !
Gentlemen, be on time.

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A Thought
For
Tomorrow's Communion.

(Ill) Bro. Robert, OBC;
G. Bacher; father, Geo.
Katter; (Deceased) fa-
ther of Wm. Otto; mother
of Ed & Don Haller, 18th
anniv. LOST: wheelbarrow.

You wonder why you're not getting anywhere spiritually. Perhaps you're discouraged. You still are unkind in thought or word; you still laugh at those yokel jokes; still you're cowed by human respect to do NOT WHAT CHRIST WANTS but WHAT THE GANG WANTS.

Remember this..... When you make your Communion tomorrow (or anytime), the MORE REAL THOUGHT and THE MORE PERSONAL LOVE OF YOUR CHRIST you PUT INTO your Communion, the MORE GRACE you're bound to DRAW OUT of Communion. The same goes for Mass. The MORE INTELLIGENTLY you participate in the Holy Sacrifice (e.g., by using the Missal), the MORE OF GOD'S LIFE AND LOVE you take into your soul!

That's what grace is— YOUR SHARE IN DIVINE LIFE! And GRACE is far more important in your spiritual progress than YOUR OWN RESOLUTION. Your resolution, though necessary, is as weak water beside the strong wine of Christ's grace.

His grace is the thing, like wine, that exhilarates— that makes you alert, fearless, generous (in giving up the earthly pleasures you're drawn to—to make ends-in-themselves of!)..... Yes, God's grace makes you EVEN HEROIC. IT made the saints. IT can MAKE you!..... So, MAKE MASS AND COMMUNION worthily, attentively, devotedly.

How Firm A Foundation?

If a man lives a simple and unspoiled life, he will speak in a simple and unspoiled manner. That is what Professor Willis Nutting of the Department of History does in his admirable little book, HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION?

He writes so that anybody can read and understand him. He never flies above people's heads. His work is exactly what the title indicates, a title taken from a line of a well-known Protestant hymn; for Mr. Nutting is himself a convert and knows from experience the lack of a strong foundation for the structure of modern thought.

Above all, he examines Descartes, as the father of modern philosophy, and goes along step by step, citing decisive passages and then showing how the Cartesian ideas have been worked into our thinking. He says:

It does not take an expert to find the trouble. The ordinary educated man, if he will only look closely at the foundations of modern thought, refusing to be dazzled by the splendor of the superstructure, can detect its weaknesses.

This Sheed and Ward book is excellent to put into the hands of the honest inquirer.

Not Bad At All.

An alumnus of '32 from Kansas writes: "Here's five dollars to help buy ground for that Negro parish in Alabama. I am sending you the money I would otherwise spend on cigarettes in the next three or four weeks. I am certain helping your cause is a lot better than being a slave to the Reynolds family as I have been for quite some time. Please say a prayer that I stick to this 'no smokes' resolution for this period."

Moral: If you have a real motive, you can do the hard thing as long as you want to.

PRAYERS: John K. Tingley, '35 died in Norwich, Conn. this week, leaving wife and baby. He was a friend of Fr. O'Donnell and Joe Cummings (Al.); (ill) infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dayton (Kazoo); Herb McCabe, '28; Mrs. Gallagher (Scranton); friend of Bill Stewart (Fresh.); aunt of Bob Callan (B-P); Gus Ryan (St. Ed's); friend of Tony Rinella; Tod Zitnik (B-P); Mrs. Helen Pilzner (Detroit); Jack Sexton, '33; Mrs. Margaret Mayor. (Deceased) father of Phil Carroll (Fresh.); father of Ernie LaVigne, '39; Thanks, BVM.
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