

What Keeps You Away?

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A pious, old non-Catholic lady one day said to a priest, "If I could believe what you Catholics believe, I'd crawl on my hands and knees to Church."

This good woman had been turning over in her mind some of the truths of the Catholic religion which she had just heard from a Holy Cross missionary. For the first time, she was learning the following facts:

1. That Holy Communion is the actual reception of the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ;
2. That this unbelievable favor is granted by God, not once in a life-time only, not once a year, but every day in every chapel at Notre Dame.
3. That the only conditions for worthy, daily reception are state of grace and right intention; for example, the desire to avoid sin;
4. That Holy Communion is distributed all morning at Notre Dame, and confessions are heard all morning and every evening.

Put yourself in the place of this well-intentioned non-Catholic, who, if she could believe, would crawl on her hands and knees to your chapel. Then, ask yourself the question, "Why don't all Catholics at Notre Dame go to Mass and Communion daily?"

Thank You.

A visiting alumnus said that you should be reminded to show gratitude for favors. Chairman of the Employment Bureau of a large Alumni Club, he says that many graduates use to great profit the employment bureau service and take up the time of charitable alumni members and prospective employers without even so much as a written "Thank you." Gratitude is one mark of a gentleman.

This alumnus cited one striking instance where a "Thank you" note paid dividends, besides showing fine home training. One graduate, let's call him "Bill," was told to see a certain prominent executive for a possible position. The executive received Bill courteously, gave him considerable time, but could not place him in his organization. He, however, liked the boy's fine personality and character, and told Bill to interview a friend of his, Mr. Jones.

Bill went home and wrote a sincere "Thank you" note to the man who had given him time and suggestions. A day or two later he called on Mr. Jones. He also liked Bill, and finally said that he would employ him, principally because of the first man's recommendation. "You know," he said, "I have a letter right here on my desk from Mr. Blank saying that you seem to be wide-awake, well-bred and old-fashioned enough to write him a letter thanking him for the time he gave you in his interview."

Flashes.

1. Telegram from Jerry O'Dowl and John Reddy, student representatives attending the Christian Doctrine Convention in Los Angeles. "Trip splendid. Staying at Mayfair. Delivered message Dockweiler. First talk given. Good reception. Father O'Donnell talk enthusiastically received. Mass at Coliseum impressive." Jerry and John.

2. Alert applicants for Student Commission for Decent Literature attend meeting Prefect of Religion office 117 Dillon, Wednesday 12:30.

3. Wednesday, Draft Registration, is day of prayer for all at 8:30 Mass or Hall Chapel Mass; Communion distributed, Howard and Cavanaugh till 10:00, Dillon till noon. PRAYERS: Deceased, Mrs Joseph Neaphy; friend of John Borda (Dil.); friend of Larry Sullivan (Bad.); Mrs Amanda Gaffney; cousin of Jim O'Laughlin (St. Ed's). Ill, mother of Frank Conaty; mother of Paul Waddell '39; friend of Joe Stevens (Sor.); grandmother of John Kotte '40; friend of Jack Behr (Mar.); Joe Jandernoa. 3 sp. intentions.