

Don't travel
unless...

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...you're in the
state of grace.

Charity Covers a Multitude of Sins.

The Epistle yesterday had some good pointers on charity, not just for vacation but for life.

"Before all things have a mutual charity among yourselves; for charity covereth a multitude of sins." (Peter, iv. 8.) You remember hearing that yesterday.

This doesn't mean that throwing a dollar to a beggar has the same effect as sincere contrition and the Sacrament of Penance. Any charity, to be Christian charity, must be motivated by love of God and of our neighbor because of God. When it is this divine charity, then any good act towards our neighbor, alms-giving or forgiveness of his injuries to us, can help to cover our own sins. It helps us to obtain their forgiveness and it atones for them when they have been forgiven. There is no better way of obtaining mercy from God than by showing it to others.

Our charity should cover the sins of others, too. The man of charity will strive to forget, to over-look; oftentimes, to excuse the sins, real or apparent, of others. "Judge not, lest you be judged." Try to throw a veil of charity over the faults of others. Be reluctant to believe evil of others. By the charity of covering other people's sin from your own eyes, you will cover your own from the eyes of God.

Charity Begins At Home.

Speaking of charity, the bulletin of the Catholic Action Students has some very particular suggestions regarding the practice of that virtue at home during vacation:

"Develop a spirit of sacrifice and service by concrete acts of service; help out at home by washing and drying the dishes, making the beds, beating the rugs, running the sweeper, mowing the lawn, weeding the garden, etc.

"Take care of younger brothers and sisters, instead of nagging and annoying them. Let someone else have the paper first. Don't monopolize the radio. Set good example by going to weekday Mass, saying daily prayers, reading decent books and magazines."

Nostradamus.

That hasn't anything to do with your school, but it is the name of a Sixteenth Century astrologist whose prophecies are shown in a current movie short.

Several have asked what credence should be placed in him. The answer is: No more than in any other astrologer, which is zero. It is quite possibly true that these prophecies were written by him. His real name was Michel de Notredame, a Frenchman of Jewish descent living 1503-1566. Astrology enjoyed a great vogue during his life. As court astrologer to Catherine de Medici, he had great prestige. It is known also that claiming the ability to read the distant future, he began to write his mystic prophecies. They are entitled to as much respect as fortunes told by tea-leaves.

To the Mailing List.

This will be the last Bulletin mailed out before the close of school, Wednesday. Thanks to those subscribers who sent in contributions to help with the deficit - and thanks in advance to those who may send in donations later. To all who remembered Notre Dame in their prayers this year, they helped and - thanks too.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Harvey Cole; anniv., father of Norman Grody. Ill, niece of Miss Marie Latino; mother of J. Korick (St. Ed's); Prof. Dave Campbell (oper); John Wallace '34. Nine special intentions (one for a conversion).