Mass-Dillon, Wed. 7:10 for Prof....

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## Don't Break Down.

Some, freshmen especially, are wavering and breaking the Novena in honor of Our Lady. Be steady and make up later any Masses or Communions missed. Our Lady and purity are too important aids to your salvation to skip.

Don't skip either over the solicitors for adoration (for the Christmas Novena for Parents next week) when they come around these nights.

## Can Impurity Result in Loss of Faith?

It easily can if the victim adopts the sophisticate's axiom:

"If your Faith interferes with your morals, give up your Faith."

Psychologically it works out this way: unless a man openly wants to be a hypocrite, unless he wants his life to be a lie, he will either give up a religion that demands he be pure or he will give up impurity.

If he is not man enough to fight against impurity, to use effort, to avoid occasions of sin, to use the remedies Christ, Himself, provided - Confession, Mass, Communion and Prayer - then he will seek reasons for giving up his Faith.

And with a weakened will, a gradually developed cynical, selfish and calloused temperament he will find reasons to satisfy his bad will, shown especially in missing Mass. Missing Mass is a most definite, deliberate rebellion against God and a natural result of a calloused and hardened heart, fore-runner of loss of Faith.

## For Your Greater Profit.

There have been placed in most of the chapels pamphlets entitled, "The Miniature Missal". These contain the unchangeable parts (Ordinary) of the Mass to which are added the changeable parts (Proper) from the Mass of the Holy Trinity.

Use these miniature missals. Enter actively into, participate intelligently in the Mass by uniting with the priest in saying the official Mass prayers.

You actively participate in the repetition of Calvary by offering the Divine Victim, Christ, to His Eternal Father in union with the priest and then by offering yourself to the Eternal Father in union with Christ.

You, a lay-person, belong "to a royal priesthood" according to St. Peter. You can and should be a co-offerer with the priest, making a double oblation or offering of Christ and of yourself.

Use the Missal. It is the intelligent way to participate actively, to co-offer with the priest the sacrifice of Christ and of yourself. You're not merely hearing Mass then, you're taking a personal part in it as befits an intelligent Catholic.

The prayers of the Missal before Communion are the most suitable prayers, too, for preparation for Communion, which is God's gift given back to you, you having previously offered up Christ and yourself.

Even when you receive Communion outside of Mass, those pre-Communion prayers in the Missal are the best preparation. Use the miniature Missal.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Joe Fay (Duquesne football player); Helen Dockendorff; friend of Fr. R. Sullivan, C.S.C.; Mr. Ferguson; 15th anniv., father of Gus Stuhldreher (Dil); Roswell C. Leahy 128. Ill, friend of Wm. Welch; Mr. Mulvaney, friend of Sam Minella; grandmother of Bill Healy (Morr). Six special intentions.