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Can Christmas Be Merry?

It can't be if you're not in the state of grace. Christ came to establish peace. It was the message angels sang, but they sang of peace to men of good will. Peace was the theme of Christ's farewell: "My peace I give you; My peace I leave you; not as the world gives, do I give."

But how can there be peace in a heart that is at enmity with God?

There's a priest waiting somewhere in a confessional to give that peace to your heart. Pressing the buzzer will bring a confessor in Dillon, Howard or Cavanaugh up to 10:00 P.M.; mornings up to noon in Dillon, until 9:00 in Howard or Cavanaugh.

"The Little Man Who Wasn't There"

Ingratitude is the mark of a pygmy too small and selfish to see that he owes anything to anyone.

Some sons have been on the receiving end so long that they now take it for granted. Everybody owes them everything. They owe nothing to anyone.

Gratitude is the expression of a noble soul, of one who is conscious of and tries to repay kindness from others.

The truth is no one owes more to any being than a son owes to his father and mother. Many students realize this and are utilizing the Christmas Novena of Masses, Communions and Adoration to show this gratitude in a practical, sacrificing manner.

Don't be a little man. If you failed to start this Novena you can, by beginning tomorrow morning, make one week of it.

Your letters from your fathers and mothers show they're worried. You can at least answer that you're praying for them, getting aid that will last.

Life, Death and Heaven.

Every Communion made with proper preparation and thanksgiving increases the degree of sanctifying life within us and our happiness in Heaven is proportioned to the amount of grace we possess at our death. This grace, which is the life of God within us, can increase to varying degrees and on the degree which the soul has attained at death will depend for all eternity our place or rank in Heaven and the glory and happiness we shall enjoy.

All those in Heaven shall see God of course but in varying degrees, more or less clearly; just as several persons looking at a masterpiece of art get varying degrees of enjoyment.

All see the same picture but each sees and enjoys it differently. Some have poor vision, some better; some have little appreciation of art, others more.

Thus in Heaven, all will see and possess God, Who is Power, Wisdom, and Love. Nevertheless our appreciation of Him and the intensity of our joy will depend on the degree of divine life we have amassed by the sacraments, prayers and good works during our earthly life.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Roger Keane (Zahn). Ill, brother of A. and V. Gonzalez, hurt in plane crash; Thomas McCoy (Zahn) operation. Six special intentions.

