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YOU ARE ON THE SPOT

You are a Catholic. Perhaps never before have you lived in such close contact with so many non-Catholic neighbors.

Your non-Catholic companions are watching you. They may know little about the Faith, but they do know that Catholics should be different from the ordinary run of people - not odd, but different -- outstanding.

"I can't tell whether he is Catholic or not." If after a period of observation, a non-Catholic must make a judgment of that type, then it is fairly certain the Catholic criticized is not living up to the Faith he professes.

Love the responsibility Christ has placed upon you. Our Lord asks you, by your life, to draw souls to love Him and His Church. Don't forget that YOU are the representative of the Catholic Church on the campus. Admiration for the Church rises and falls because of its members.

You are being watched -- in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the room with your roommate. Are you giving good example or are you a hypocrite? "Let men see your good works." BE CATHOLIC EVERYWHERE.

THE IMPURE STORY TELLER IS --

1) A TEMPTER. He is doing the devil's work. Impure stories and remarks are sufficient sparks to inflame the mind with unclean thoughts and desires. If you are telling impure stories, you are a scandalizer, and scandalizers, according to Our Lord, should be dropped into the sea -- with a stone about their necks.

2) A JUDAS. Christ is trying by his frequent inspirations and strengthening grace to make every man perfect in virtue and in the service of His heavenly Father. The impure story slows up, injures, even kills in some cases, the work of Christ in souls. And that's betrayal. Judas was a betrayer.

NOTE: When a scandalizer leads a person into mortal sin, he commits a mortal sin himself, besides playing the role of a murderer, a killer of the life of the soul.

IF YOU WON'T SERVE CHRIST BY PURITY OF SPEECH --

REMOVE THE MEDAL FROM YOUR NECK, for it signifies that you are a follower of Christ. If you are not going to fight for him, remove the identification tag of one of his soldiers. There will be less scandal.

DON'T BRAG ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC. You will save the Church from harm and you will save yourself from being considered, if not called, a four-flusher.

THE CURE

Assistance at Mass and the frequent reception of Holy Communion will change the worst sinner into a pure man. A sincere person, one who does not want to offend Christ by sinful speech gives proof of his sincerity by his presence at the Holy Sacrifice and at the altar rail frequently. Civilian students will have to rise early to get to Mass. Service men will have to be more careful about the fasting regulations and deny themselves solid food after dinner.

If you love something, you will fight for it. He who is not pure is not much of a man.

CHAPLAIN TELLS OF DEATH OF ENSIGN HENRY CAUDILL, '41

"I am proud to have known one of the staunchest, most devout, genteel, and manly of your recent graduates in the person of the late Ensign Henry B. Caudill, Jr., A.V.N., U.S.N.R., a member of the class of 1941. Whether or not you have been informed of his death, I do not know, but I am writing to tell you, and through you all Notre Dame men, that nowhere could there be found a finer exemplification of Notre Dame ideals. He was most faithful in regard to the Sacraments and was accustomed, while at the Melbourne Air Station, to receive Holy Communion weekly whenever his flight training program did not interfere.

"At all times and under all circumstances he was a perfect type of Catholic gentleman. One of his final gestures was the fulfillment of the circular request sent out by you, for Notre Dame men and their families to join in a campaign of prayers during the closing days of Lent, culminating in Easter Communion.

"His untimely death came on June 2nd. While on a routine flight, and about to complete his fighter training, he developed engine trouble and attempted to land in a field about thirteen miles from the Melbourne Air Station, where he had been checking out carrier landing, gunnery runs, etc., prior to assignment to active combat. His plane hit an obstruction in the field, a strut was projected through the gas tank and the plane took fire. He was unconscious. Two farmers attempted to rescue him, but did not know how to release him. He was burned to death before the emergency crash crew could reach the scene. Memorial Services were held for him at the Station on the following Sunday.

"He was the son of Mrs. Josephine Caudill at 100 E. 12th Street, Pawhuska, Oklahoma and had reported at the Melbourne on April 4th after completing preliminary training.

DO YOU WANT TO DIE IN THE STATE OF GRACE?
THEN
<u>LIVE</u> IN IT.

LIEUTENANT OTTO SEIFERT, EX 43, MISSING IN ACTION

Lieutenant Seifert is the brother of Jimmy Seifert who lived in Dillon Hall last semester before transferring to the Marquette University Med School. The following story was written to the Seifert family by the Commanding Officer, a Major in the Marine Corps.

"Your son is missing in action as a result of an aerial engagement with the enemy on the 13th of May, 1943, over the Solomon Islands. Lieutenant Seifert, flying wing on the leader of a four plane flight, was one of the thirteen planes which made contact with a force of approximately twenty-five enemy fighters.

"In the ensuing engagement, Lieutenant Seifert successfully protected his leader, scaring away several attacking planes as our attack was being pressed home. The circumstances leading to your son's being shot down are not known exactly owing to the heat of the engagement, but his plane was last seen diving at an angle of 45 degrees toward the water five miles northwest of the ----- Islands. As a result of your son's efforts, with the rest of our pilots, the enemy paid heavily, losing sixteen planes. I can assure you that every effort was made, subsequent to the engagement, to find any trace of your son but thus far our searches have been unsuccessful.

"Your son was an outstanding Marine Officer and pilot and his loss was a heavy blow to the squadron. He was well liked by both the officers and men and his attitude and actions were a source of inspiration to all. May I on behalf of the squadron, extend my most heartfelt sympathy to the family."

Also MISSING IN ACTION: Lieut. Billy Adams, ex '42, in England. Our 51st GOLD STAR: Dr. James J. Quinn, '36, killed in England.

USE THE CHAPEL

It's rather certain you are traveling along pretty much on your own, if in living so close to the Blessed Sacrament you don't visit Christ in your hall chapel at least once a day. In the presence of Christ you get courage, consolation and blessings on your classwork. Go to class by way of the chapel, and bring your companions in with you.

ATTENTION

THE MARINES ARE COMING!

WHERE ARE THE MARINES? More and more Leathernecks are attending the Afternoon Mass in Cavanaugh and Zahm Halls. Leathernecks are supposed to be tough to the core. Courage in the face of both physical and spiritual evils is rooted in the soul. And the soul finds its greatest source of strength at Mass and Holy Communion. Keep coming to the altar.

WHERE ARE THE OFF-CAMPUS CATHOLICS? Two off-campus students assisted at Mass Monday morning at 7:20 in Sorin Hall Chapel. That is a New Low. You will learn by your attitude toward the spiritual facilities offered you whether your spirituality is built upon rock or upon sand.

TO THE NAVAL STUDENTS AND MARINES IT MAY CONCERN: Wake up! For nearly a month the Bulletin Boards have been telling you that there is Afternoon Mass and Holy Communion on the campus at 5:00 daily, except Sunday, in all the Navy and Marine Halls. There is a chapel in your hall and the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there day and night. Our Lord expects you to make short visits to Him during the day.

DRESS PROPERLY. Athletic attire is legitimate during calisthenics and physical education classes. Scanty attire and unnecessary display of the human body in rooms and on the campus is a violation of the Christian virtue of modesty. If you can't wear a light shirt in your room, you have little regard for modesty or you can't suffer a little heat, for Christ.

FIRST BENEDICTION SUNDAY (hereafter) 6:10 P.M. The time has been moved up five minutes to enable the ROTC men to assist at this service before supper.

SATURDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS: After supper in Church: 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.
7:30 to 10:00 in Sorin and B-P Chapels.
(Press the buzzer)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
OUTSIDE MASS

For civilians: until 8:30 A.M. in Sorin.
For Service Men: 5:15 to 6:15 P.M.
in Dillon Chapel.

QUOTES FROM SERVICE MEN

Army Medical Corps: "In this man's army the good man who wants to remain a good man must set up his standards immediately -- before his will is weakened by poor advice and example. The first day you put your moral code on the outside of your shirt you will perhaps be ridiculed and mocked by those whose single ambition seems to be to get a laugh even though it hurts a man. But these same lads will stand with open mouths when the popularity of decency begins to spread from the example of the first man who has guts enough to act the same way in the army barracks as he would in his mother's kitchen. . . I'm willing to admit though, it's easier to sit in a soft chair at home and say you are charitable, not prejudiced, tolerant, and, in short, that you love humanity. But it is a lot tougher to love the hard-looking, sick, smelly and ragged people in the raw. . . I have learned this."

A Marine: "I prayed like hell every damned night," (said after returning from many months of hectic jungle warfare on Guadalcanal.

A Soldier: "It is the undesirable element that uses most of the foul language. Vulgarity I can tolerate, but the way they fling around the name of God is terrific. I have formed the habit of making a brief ejaculation: "My Jesus, mercy" every time I hear anyone cursing, so I won't fall into the habit myself." NY Times.

A Navy Reservist: "Remember that Sunday Missal I picked up from you? I didn't have much reason to buy it at the time. When I got back to the station I met a non-Catholic mate. The subject turned to religion. I gave him the Missal. An now he goes to Mass regularly with me."

Another Soldier: "I get one fellow a week to go to Holy Communion. I tell him to write home and tell Ma. They always come around a few weeks later with a letter telling how pleased the folks are that "Jim" is staying so close to God. Then too I pick up fellows who have fallen away from the Church. I find out who is Catholic by the dog-tag: ask him what type blood he has (not that that makes any difference), look at the tag -- find out if he is a Catholic."

PRAYERS

Deceased: mother of Ted Weber (Dil. last sem.); Bro. Daniel, C.S.C.; father of Fr. Peggarski, C.S.C.; Judge John Dubisson, '30; mother of Gene and Leo Klier (Dil); father of Sgt. Joe Bittner, '35; friend of Don Miller '42 - missing in action; John Dobinsky, '34.