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A Story With A Lesson.

"A non-Catholic girl once told me that she had been going to Mass every Sunday for almost a year. When questioned, she knew nothing regarding the doctrine of the Mass. She hadn't the faintest idea that the bread and wine became the Body and Blood of Christ, or that the Mass was the re-enactment of Calvary.

"She certainly didn't know all the answers, yet the Mass had an irresistible attraction for her. 'I don't get it,' I told her.' The Mass must appear queer to a non-Catholic with the priest's unusual vestments, his back facing the audience, the language he uses. Tell me, if you can, why do you go every Sunday. What draws you?

"Well,' she answered,' I feel absolutely sure that God somehow is there at every Mass. I've never felt God's presence in any church except the Catholic Church at Mass time -- and I've tried them all in years past.'

"All right, I can understand that, but, 'I queried further, 'what do you do or what do you say at Mass?'

"Thoughtfully, slowly she explained, 'I tell God I'm sorry for anything I did during the past week that I think was wrong, or that offended or hurt Him or my family, neighbor, or employer. Then I offer Him the coming week: my work, my troubles and worries. I tell Him I'm going to perform that whole week for love of Him as faithfully, as patiently and as charitable as I can. I'm very conscious then of His help throughout the week.'

(Told by Father John Lynch, CSC in the Alumni Religious Bulletin)

Sometime later this girl saw her husband killed in a plane crash. After the tragedy, filled with a great sense of loss, she said. "Now I really have something to offer at Mass." When you go to Mass, be sure to offer something to God your Father, and be sure to offer it to Him through Christ his Son, "per Christum Dominum nostrum."

A Sinner Offers An Objection.

"I'm a sinner, a big one. Of what use is it for me to join the Sinners Club. I think I should spend my time making reparation for my own mistakes."

In helping others you will make reparation for your own sins. You are forgetting what Our Blessed Lord said, "Charity covers a multitude of sins." Do you think Our Savior will let you down after seeing you respond to His mother's appeal make at Fatima?

PRAYERS: (deceased) Agnes Enos, aunt of Bob Rosenthal (Al); Grandmother of Joseph Gittlein (Morr), Anniv.; father of Jerry O'Dowd, '41 and father-in-law of Herman Centlivre. Five Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

SINNERS CLUB

Meat This Friday.

NO MEETINGS — NO DUES —

Catholics are exempt from the law of fast and abstinence when Friday falls on a Holy Day. Accordingly, you may eat meat Friday, Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints.

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SACRIFICES

for SINNERS

In virtue of a dispensation granted by our Bishop, you are dispensed from abstinence (and fasting) on the Vigil, Thursday.