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Obstacles to Success In Exams

- 1. Sin. There are two strikes on the student who enters an examination with serious sin on his soul. God does not grant favors to those who live as His enemies. The answer is repentance and a good confession.
- 2. A Bad Conscience. When a student knows his soul is a mess, then he can't do much clear thinking--he's jumpy. Confession settles the difficulty.
- A Personal Problem. Peace of mind is required for straight thinking. A stu-3. dent should have his mind centered on his work, if he expects any degree of success. A divided mind, one that is trying to solve a problem and concentrate on classes at the same time, is doomed to become a poor storehouse of knowledge. A short chat with a priest now, before the exams, may bring an immediate solution to a problem. Certainly the telling of a difficulty will relieve pressure. Two can carry a load better than one.
- 4. Fear of Failure. The student who thinks he can't make the grade has lost the game already. He is talking himself into dubbing his examination. The one who prays and studies conscienciously has every chance of success.

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The other day in Wisconsin, an old man and his wife were found starved, sick and freezing in their own home. This should never have happened, because \$27,000 was found sewn into the linings and pockets of their clothes.

Dumb! you say, and right you are. But don't be so ready to make a judgment about others until you look into your own case. Maybe you are as dumb. Maybe you are starved for the need of Divine Food. There is spiritual cash in your own hall chapel at Mass and the Communion rail, at the Grotto, in the confessional. Are you using your wealth?

Bike Fund.

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A few comments were attached to some of the donations sent in for the Indian priest's bike.



"For a new bicycle to peddle my way through exams".

"Enclosed \$1.00 for the vehicle of grace."

"May God help me pass my courses this semester too"!

The Fund has hit the\$50.00 mark. Perhaps this announcement will bring in enough for the wheels, a headlight and a good pump.

PRAYEFS: (deceased) grandfather of John Early (Dil); Pat O'Brien, '43, heart attack. Two Special Intentions.