

1st Anniversary:
Joe Hailer and Father
Henry Heintskill, CSC.

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Go to confession before
weekend starts. Don't
wait until last min.

In The Dog House.

Dear Mike: A few students around here think I am a heretic. The other day in the Religious Bulletin I said that nuns, brothers and priests in religious communities are the apple of God's eye, and accordingly have a very special place in Heaven awaiting them.

A number of students considered that statement untrue, and told me so. They seemed to think that God offers no choice spots in Heaven to anyone.

Of course they are the heretics. The fact that they are Catholics is enough to prove they have a mistaken notion. When God gave them the Gift of Faith and made them Catholics He was really telling them of His very special love for them. Their Faith placed them in a state of life which gave them means to love God better. Catholics have the Sacrifice of the Mass, Holy Communion and the other Sacraments and Our Blessed Mother, to name just a few of those means. Millions of pagans do not enjoy any of these divine realities. Certainly a Catholic should reach a high place in Heaven.

When God wants to give a greater share of His eternal Happiness to someone He invites them to enter another state of life, namely, the Religious Life.

The nun, brother and the monk, by their state of life, have more opportunities to imitate Christ.

A Catholic can become Christ-like, but a religious can become more like Christ? Why? Because he takes the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The poor Christ could give more time to thinking of God and souls, because He did not have the cares of the world. The chaste and unmarried Christ need not direct his attention to a family, thereby having more time for the work of His apostolate. The obedient Christ always did the right thing because He followed His Father's Holy Will in every detail.

The vows of religion place a person in a position to follow Christ in His poverty, chastity and obedience. The inevitable result of this imitation of Christ will be an intense love of God, a love which God will reward with a special place in Heaven.

Do you think God is calling you to this higher life? Talk it over with one of your priest friends.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Mercedes Muenz (Archives); aunt of Ed Merica (Z); father of George Crossett (St.Eds.). (Ill) sister of Bob Mannix, serious; sister of Joe Archibald (Wal); wife of Dick McCalley (OC); mother of Howard Chittendon (How); uncle of Jim McMahon. 6 spec ints.



CONCERT TONIGHT

Washington Hall

The story of the Annunciation

IN MUSIC

by N.D. and St. Mary's Blue Clubs