



### Are You Guilty?

There are many students with lax consciences on the campus -- about Sunday Mass tardiness. All the undesirables seem to have attended the 11:10 Mass last Sunday. The number who came in late and left early ran into three figures. So a few observations are in order. If the shoe fits, wear it.

The Gospel students are an abomination. They argue that they are free of guilt as long as they reach the church at the Gospel and sermon time. They must have failed freshman religion, because all theology books say they commit a venial sin for their tardiness.

The late-starter is another sinner. Any student who leaves his residence hall at the moment Mass is scheduled to start in the church is guilty of venial sin. He who will not plan to rise in ample time, or hurry when necessary, is negligent and thereby offends God.

It is charity to wait for a friend and accompany him to church, provided you will arrive on time. It is false and sinful charity to wait for a slow-poke.

The student who knows himself to be a heavy-sleeper and yet retires on Saturday night gambling on rising in time for Mass is guilty of sinful negligence. His obligation is to set an alarm clock or arrange for someone to arouse him.

The student who foofs around in his residence hall, reading funnies or listening to the radio, is not without sin, if he starts for church late.

To leave Mass before the final prayers are over is a venial sin.

The students who came in at the Gospel and departed at Communion time at the 10:10 Mass Sunday had an obligation of attending another Mass -- under pain of mortal sin.

Prayerful attention as well as one's presence is required at Mass. It is hard to excuse from sin those who do not try to pray, or control wandering thoughts. Use a rosary or missal to avoid distractions.

Don't take venial sin lightly. The fires of Purgatory have a special warmth for all sinners who are not true to their Sunday Mass obligations.

### Worries And The Exam

Worry about the final examinations is a good thing; it inspires you to study. But worries divorced from the examinations will certainly slow up your thinking processes. If there is a problem bothering you, get it solved immediately, by taking counsel with one of the priests on the campus. If your worry is about sin, see your confessor. With God on your side, by prayer and a clean conscience, you will have every hope of success.

PRAYERS: (Ill) Joe McGlynn, '12; (deceased) father of Mr. Dooley, Alumni Association (1913-11); mother of Sister Helen, OSF. Ten Special Intentions.