



Donkey fever

PINNOCHIO -- you know him -- that little creature of fable. Well, Pinocchio contracted donkey fever one day. This would never have happened if the lad had shown moral courage and had not followed the Lampwick boys, all of whom were donkeys. By the old trick of ridicule, they got Pinocchio to stay away from home, to lie, to begin smoking. Soon Pinocchio turned into a donkey like the rest of them, foolish beasts.

Now don't you get donkey fever this Saturday night. Don't join up with any crowd that will encourage you to break your fast after midnight.

Remember the Pope has asked you to do something great on Sunday morning. He wants you to receive Holy Communion to atone for the horrible crimes the Soviets commit every day. All good Catholics are going to answer this appeal of the Pope.

Maybe donkey fever has fallen upon you already. Maybe you have sinned with the crowd by bad talk or over-indulgence. Maybe you have mortal sin on your soul. Then return to God's friendship by a good act of contrition and confession.

There is no Pinocchio in the Bible, but Holy Scripture does say, "Don't become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding." Show God that you have a generous heart and receive Holy Communion Sunday.

And don't forget another request of the Holy Father. He wants you to remember to say the prayers after Mass -- those English prayers said at the foot of the altar -- for the conversion of Russia.

If we work together, all of us, with the Mother of God, we can prevent another war, we can prevent suffering in all parts of the world. Are you joining us?

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