

Super-Snooper.

A famous robbery took place back in 1924. An express train was nearing Rondout, Illinois, when a masked robber entered the engine cab and covered the fireman and engineer.

Under orders from the robber, the engineer flashed his headlight three times and stopped the train at the next crossing. There, four confederates boarded the train. They, wearing gas masks, threw gas bombs into the locked mail car. The thieves successfully routed out and lined up the mail clerks, and then transferred the mail to their automobile.

All five escaped. Their haul of 64 mail bags contained two million dollars in currency, jewelry, and securities. Within a matter of hours, a great manhunt was started by the most able detective in the service of the Post Office Department.

The manhunt failed, and the crime remained unsolved, even for the slightest clue, until an underworld source disclosed the hiding place of the loot and the name of the gangleader, who was soon apprehended, convicted, and sentenced to a long prison term. The ringleader was the trusted Post Office detective.

A story similar to this one goes on in every person's life, nearly every day -- in yours too, don't forget. You have something like the traitorous detective within you. Spiritual writers call it your predominant fault. It is that evil tendency from which most of your sins spring. It could be impatience, pride, laziness, or fear of the opinion of others, or lust, or a host of others.

Most souls in hell are there because they paid no attention to the mainspring of their faults. If you want to make rapid progress in the battle against sin, load your spiritual guns and shoot at your ruling passion. Keep an eye on it. Pray to control it. Maybe it controlled you over the holidays, causing you to sin, even mortally. If it defeated you, return to confession, if you have not done so already. Every man must be a super-detective, always on the lookout for thieves in his own life. Super-snoopers get to Heaven -- no others.

Prayers

(Deceased) grandmother of R. M. Prendergast (OC); aunt of Father Leo R. Ward, C.S.C.; brother of Father Edward Campers, C.S.C.; uncle of Mrs Eugene Romano (Main Library). (Ill) aunt of Lou Keifer (Al); Mrs. Josephine Casey; mother of Lois Ann Kyser (Pres. Office); Bill Horrigan (N.D. painter); grandfather of Tom O'Grady (Al). Eight Special Intentions (one for a conversion). One Thanksgiving.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day comes this year on Sunday, May 8. An attractive Spiritual Bouquet card will be left at your room door next Monday. Pledge yourself to a number of the spiritual works mentioned and send it home immediately to your mother. The card reads: "Dear Mother: In gratitude for all you've done for me, I am offering for you... () Masses... () Holy Communions... () Rosaries... () Visits to Grotto... () Periods of Adoration."

Daily Adoration begins Monday

