
Philosopher Prophesied.

In 1930 Maritain added up the score, put two and two together and published the right answer. Read his THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT CAESAR'S. On page 80 the following observation packed a prophetic punch:

"Nowadays the devil has made such a mess of everything in the system of life on earth that the world will presently become uninhabitable for anybody but Saints. The rest will drag their lives out in despair or fall below the level of man. The antinomies of human life are too exasperated, the burden of matter too oppressive; merely to exist, one has to expose oneself to too many snares. Christian heroism will one day become the sole solution for the problems of life. Then, as God proportions His graces to human needs and tempts nobody beyond his strength, we shall doubtless see coincident with the worst conditions in human history a flowering of sanctity....."

To Be Or Not To Be: Atonement!

If there is to be a generous response to the suggestion that we get together around the Altar tomorrow morning in atonement for our many offences against God, then do not put off confession, if you are going to confession, until Mass time. Go tonight in your hall chapel. . . . Tomorrow too is the last day of the Christmas novena for your parents. If you have neglected your duty to remember them where remembrance counts most, you have an additional reason for atonement. . . . Traveling at its best is dangerous. Leave the campus in the state of grace and with the remembrance you were at Mass and Communion the day you left.

Watch Yourself!

For the next two weeks you will be home. If you have missed home since September it is a good indication that you have come from a home worth missing. Wherever you are, at home or abroad, your spiritual good sense is to be put to the test. As you put your home training to the test around here, so you will put your school training to the test back home.

Bless God for the happy home you're going to. The truly Catholic home is the greatest source of inspiration for good that can come into a young man's life. And a Catholic education nourished within the areas of this sacramental environment should at least rate second place as an influence in your life for good. It's another matter indeed if you have failed to correspond with the graces God offered you in abundance.

Are you going to be loyal to your mother and avoid the things that would break her heart if she knew of them? Are you going to be loyal to your other mother, your Alma Mater, so that her reputation will be safe in your conduct? Are you going to be loyal to your God and seek His help in the Sacraments, keeping away from the dangerous occasions of sin?

If you have plans already for conduct unworthy of Notre Dame, then why not take your trunk with you? Tear off the stickers. Drop your watch fobs, belt buckles, rings and every other vestige of your connection with Our Lady's school--have enough self-respect to drop them in the lake.

But if, on the other hand, you are leaving this campus with a clean mind, a clean heart, and clean lips, go with God's blessings on you. But remember there's a war going on. THE FIRST NOTRE DAME CAUSALITY WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY: Curtis Kiesling, '49.

Prayers: (deceased) brother of William Denning, '49; Mrs. George Pogan; aunt of Ed Reardon (V-V). Ill, sister of Ed Menard (V-V); friend of Emory Dkoske (Cav); uncle of Ed Hughes (O-C); sister of Clara Luzny; mother of Dorothy Jaroszewski; 1 sick person.