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Leap ahead this year: back
to the Sacraments, back to
the books.

Remember This: If Charity Is In Order, Everything Else Is In Order Too.

Give yourself a good examination of conscience. Or ask your confessor to perform the drastic spiritual surgery. Of all virtues charity ranks first. Its importance is outlined by Christ in the two great commandments of the law: Love of God above all things and love of neighbor for God. Have you more charity in your heart than you had last September? How much your heart has changed only the Recording Angel knows.

You can see change in some things, your parents observed some others during the holidays, even your prefects find a bit of encouragement in you at times. But there are many angles of your development that only time can appraise, because it takes time to develop good habits, to make progress in charity.

Are you more tolerant of the idiosyncracies of others? Are you more kindly in your judgments, conversations and actions? Are you more considerate of your parents, more attentive to them? Love of God means love of His will: His will is that you study and perfect your mind. Are you more faithful to study, to prayer?

Charity and chastity--the two ch's--cause man greatest difficulty. Have you explored the vast areas of charity in order to put chastity where it belongs--in second place?

"The Greatest Of These Is Charity."

If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And If I should have prophesy and should know all mysteries, and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity is patient, is kind; charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up; it is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all thing.

Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed. . . And now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three; **BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY.**

--I Cor. xiii, 1-8, 13.

If you have made mistakes, acknowledge them honestly and set about correcting them. That's charity for self. If you have made a poor selection of companions, open your eyes to the fact that you can have for the seeking some of the best companionship in the world. . . If you have neglected charity and are concentrating all your efforts on chastity, try this tact--accent charity. . . If you have neglected the Sacraments, the supreme source of grace; if you have neglected prayer, which best predisposes your will for the more effective operation of divine grace--ask God's pardon and have a mind for charity. "Be good?" Yes. "Be good and do good?" Much better.

A practical outlet for "doing good:" Servers are needed for the 6 o'clock Masses in the Basement Chapel. You won't get gipped. Special graces are recorded for servers. Just report in the Main Church tomorrow morning. Come five minutes early.

Prayers: (deceased) Mr. P.C. Reilly, benefactor of Notre Dame; father of Al Lohmann; father of Jim Walsh; Rev. Fred Renter; Mr. Stephen A. Gavin; James Butler. 3 sp. int.