

"Charity envieth not,
dealeth not perversely; is
not puffed up."

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"But above all these things
have charity, which is the
bond of perfection."

Prigs.

There was only one class of sinners to whom Our Lord gave a hard time. . . the prigs. He warned the self-sufficient, punctillious Pharisees of the penalties pride exacts, of the hard-heartedness engendered by hypocrisy, preventing repentance, of the hell awaiting the uncharitable who "devour widows and orphans."

We must thank God that most of our students are neither straying sheep nor self-satisfied Pharisees, that most of them come from good homes where honesty, truthfulness, obedience, respect for womanhood, have been imbibed from the cradle.

A practical demonstration of this supposition will be next Saturday, the feast of the Holy Family. Ordinarily this feast falls on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany. It will be more difficult for all members of one's family to receive on Saturday. Around here it won't be. If you are going to confession--go tonight.

Did You Receive On Christmas?

Under the title, "My Heart Is A crowded Inn", the London Tablet published this self-reproach of the 'Contrite Non-Communicant at the end of Midnight Mass':

My heart is a crowded Inn;
The World and Self and Sin
Sit, each a welcome Guest,
In this my Breast; *
And so do Greed and Pride.

And, all the while, outside,
He tastes the Cold and Gloom,
For Whom
I have no Room. --X

News From Korea.

It's not good news at all. The exasperating "peace talks"--over five months long--would try the patience of saints. The casualty lists are like endless litanies. A letter from one of the boys in Korea tells more by what he doesn't say than by what he does. It's from Mike, two years ago a freshman in Farley.

This was written before Christmas. ". . . If they don't come to some sort of agreement ("peace talks") we are going to try and take a mountain that is 1,320 feet high. This job is supposed to take us at least two weeks. We've been warned to expect 60% of our troops to get injured or killed. Doesn't sound like a nice job!

". . . As yet I have had no marks or scars to brag about, nor have I had any what you might call close calls. So I think I'll make it through this one. It's that ol' Notre Dame luck, but most of all it is prayer that pulls one over the rough spots.

"Like most kids of my age I didn't pray as much as I should have at Notre Dame. But when mortars start dropping around you your ideas most always give way to prayer."

Keep Mike in your prayers daily. Remember all the kids in uniform. You'll be grateful for the special remembrance when it comes your turn to face up to a 40% survival rate of coming through without a scratch. Of course there's the good chance that you won't be assigned to Korea to capture a mountain 1,320 feet high. The "war" may be over. But if you're not praying it won't be because you had something to do about it.
Prayers: the uncle of Bill Nagle (O-C) was killed by a fall. One thanksgiving intention for a recovery from a serious illness--attributed to prayer alone. 4 sp. ints.