

Will You Take Advantage of This?

St. Andrew's Daily Missals will come knocking at your door. The discount price is to make it harder for you to say NO. If the Sacrifice of the Mass is to mean more to you than a mere formalism, make it a point to buy a missal and learn to follow it with the priest.

This business of more active participation in the Mass is a duty as it is your right. Pius XI points this out when he says: "In the office of the mysterious priesthood of Christ. . . and of the Sacrifice. . . not only the chosen ministers of the immaculate oblation participate. . . but also all the Christian people, rightly called by the Prince of Apostles 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood'; for the faithful ought to cooperate in that obligation be it for themselves or for the whole of mankind, in expiation of our sins."

Out Of Many. . . One.

Matter is the principle of division; spirit the principle of union. It takes your soul to keep your body in one piece. Take away the soul and the body goes to pieces.

If there are four seats in Washington Hall, four of us can occupy them. We could argue all night but all of us could not occupy totally and exclusively the best one of the four. . . Take a cake. Four of us could eat it if it were divided into four pieces. But four of us could not have all of the cake, each to himself; there would be a fight.

But if four of us learn to assist at daily Mass, no one man deprives the other of gaining the full merits of the Mass; if four of us receive Holy Communion, no one of us deprives the other of receiving Christ whole and entire--the Mass, or better still, Christ becomes the basis of our unity.

"The Kingdom Of God Is Within You."

When a non-Catholic quotes that text to prove to you that all this ritualism, so much a part of Catholic external worship, is unnecessary, ask him: "Who said that?"

Then remind him that Christ also said, "He that heareth you, heareth Me; he that despiseth you despiseth Me; he that despiseth Me, despiseth Him that sent Me. . . He that believeth not shall be condemned. . . If he will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican."

A math student who tears out one page of his math book and memorizes it, ignoring the rest of the book, will never pass his finals. A general who picks out one line of his text on military tactics and makes it a hobby, throwing away the rest of the book, will never win a war.

In life we have to do some close calculating--at least the Book of Life will be balanced before it is closed by the Hand of God. Life is also a warfare; and we need the whole book, not one single line, for a text.

If God had not explicitly told us how He wanted to be worshipped, we would be free to invent the laws of our own religion, make our own laws; but He has told us, and we are not free to pick and choose what suits our fancy or agrees with our taste.

Just as the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution of our country, so the infallible Pope and Council of the Church interpret Christ's Constitution which embodies the laws we must believe and the laws we must obey to save our souls.

Prayers: (deceased) wife of Prof. F. Moran; father of Dick Ewert; R.E. Brown; '00.