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The Pamphlet Racks.

Prayerbooks, and pamphlets for spiritual reading will be found in abundance in the racks located outside the chapels of Cavanaugh, Dillon, and Howard Halls. Ignorant Seniors are not ashamed to come there to be enlightened on Catholic questions, usages, and points of view. The others on campus should profit by their example. Blessed Rosaries, medals, and chains are also available. You need not always pay the list price for these items; but a small contribution is in order. And should you be low on funds at the time your interest is at its peak, your offering can come later.

Why Read Pamphlets?

The answer is simple: to enable a young, Catholic university mind to give a reasonable account of the Faith that is in him. Many of your non-Catholic friends are inquisitive, and want to be enlightened on many points of Catholic doctrine and practice. They observe many things, hear much discussion, but do not understand. A logical and clear answer on your part, when presented with a question, can make you an apostle. A fuzzy, evasive reply, because you don't know what you are talking about, can do much harm to them, and also to the Church.

Don't Be Half-Sure.

If a question about the Faith, or Catholic practice, baffles you, don't try to cover up your ignorance by spouting off inaccuracies, vague generalities, or changing the subject. Be humble enough to admit your limitations -- but be quick to add that you will get an answer much better than the one you might give off-hand.

Search out the pamphlet racks for the material desired. More than likely you will find a brief treatment that is competent and thorough, and accurate. If a more lengthy treatment is desired, it can come later. But the pamphlet rack offers a ready and reliable answer. Give your friend the pamphlet; and relax in the assurance that he is equipped with sound doctrine. This course of action may not be flattering to your intellectual atmosphere; maybe you should know more about your Faith than you do. But let's be accurate and reliable, in such important matters. A pamphlet helps you to be just that.

Spread The Faith.

You can spread the Faith very easily with pamphlets -- by leaving them in busses, streetcars, trains -- or in waiting rooms, in barber shops, public libraries. You can send them to men in service. You can send a timely topic to your local newspaper editor, or your congressional representative. This sort of thing can be apostolic; you may light the candle that will ultimately lead a man of good will to the Faith.

Prayers Requested.

Deceased: father of James Dowdle of St. Edward's hall; grandmother of William Klee, '51; bride of Frank Debitetto, '48 (automobile accident); Don Mulholland, '16; Robert M. Gaultinan, '50; grandmother of Brother Ronald, C.S.C.; father of Rev. Wm. Robinson, C.S.C. aunt of Rev. Joseph Cavanaugh, C.S.C.
Ill. Frank Debitetto, '48 (seriously); uncle of Henry Clancy of Fisher Hall; mother of Gene Comossa of Cavanaugh Hall; friend of Floyd Blair (dying).