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Information Please!

"You boys from Notre Dame ? "Yes, we're Notre Dame men." "Well, anyway, lucky I ran into you." "Look, Mister, we're also looking for 2 tickets to the Tech game Saturday." "No, nothing like that. I have in mind ... " "But do you know where we can get a couple for the ... " "Just had an argument with a fellow about the Martin Luther movie. You go to Notre Dame and I know you can put me straight. You know about indulgences -- well, that's what we were arguing about ..." "Look, Mister, we're in a hurry..." "Seems that in this picture there's much ado about a fellow named Tetzel ... " "What club does he play with ? What's his position ?" "No, no; he's the monk in the picture who goes about preaching the indulgences to be gained by making a contribution -- nothing more. That's not the real, Catholic doctrine is it ?" "Look, Mister, indulgences are attached to rosary beads. Don't know much about the other ... " "I thought you might be of more help. Almost everyday someone comes in here; and it's amazing how often the conversation turns to religion. We listen to Fulton Sheen, and bring up all kinds of topics -- divorce, Purgatory, June Haver, the former mayor of New York, the Pope, and all that sort of thing." "Confusing, isn't it ?" "I thought that maybe you fellows could be of some help to me. Going to Notre Dame, you should be up on all these things. Don't they teach those things any more out there ?" "We're only Juniors; maybe it comes next year, or in the Marriage Institute, or somewhere..." "I haven't had much education, myself. Thought you could be of help since you ... " "Yeh, it's hard to find tickets for the game this Saturday, too." "Religion is in more people's minds than you imagine ... " "Yeh, if you hear of anything turning up for the game this week, let us know."

The Pamphlet Racks

Does the scintillating conversation above make you proud of the knowledge of some N.D. stalwarts -- knowledge that apparently comes automatically with enrollment at Notre Dame!! Could you do any better?

Suppose you are beset with a question you can't answer clearly and authoritatively on the spot! Don't forget, there are the pamphlet racks -- towers of pamphlets jammed with brief, concise treatments of the Faith, couched in plain terms, and cushioned with stubborn logic -- and reliable. If you can't answer an inquiry, be humble enough to admit your limitation. Tell the questioner that you will get him an answer, clearer and more thorough than you can give him off-hand. Run over to Dillon, or Cavanaugh, or Howard, pick out what you need, and get it to him. Remember this always: There's a good answer available. Be an apostle; not a heretic!

How To Use The Missal

An instruction in the use of the Missal will be given this evening at 7:30 in the Fisher hall chapel; tomorrow night at 7:30 in Zahm hall. Blessed Pius X considered active participation of the laity at Mass "the first and indispensable source of the 'rue Christian spirit." Be intelligent at Mass. Use the Missal. Learn how tonight. PRAIMERJ: Decensed: mother of Fr. John Molter, CSC; Marguerite Romer; Rev. Paul Lavalutte; friend of Phil Donahue of Zahm; cousin of Bob Crespy of Walsh (Leyte explosion); father of George DeKime, '50. Ill: Marilyn Van Huffel (polio).