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What Are You Doing About It ?

In regards to converts -- and how they come into the Church -- Chesterton once remarked: "The Church is a house with a hundred gates; and no two men enter at exactly the same angle." You, therefore, may influence conversions in many ways.

Some men like Newman, have been attracted by the double gate of Christ's divinity and the divine foundation of the Church. Others, like the late Senator Wagner, were drawn by the human drama of a devoted wife, or an old friend like Al Smith. For still others, good example rates high because actions speak louder than words. And you know that a holy life means putting the Faith to work in daily life.

Millions of people here in America are searching for Truth. Christ obligates us to desire Truth. He also wants His teachings carried to all mankind. Both priests and laity are commissioned to extend His Kingdom here on earth. It isn't enough for you simply to keep the Faith -- you should likewise share it with others. Helping a friend into Heaven is obviously a mark of great kindness. And the reward for you is astounding: "And he that reapeth," promises Our Lord, "receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting.

Let's Make It Practical

Now is the time -- during the days of the Church Unity Octave, when all unite in the prayer -- "One Fold and One Shepherd" -- for you to do something practical about bringing Christ into the lives of the millions of your neighbors who belong to no church at all, yet try to unscramble the puzzle of life. They're searching for Truth. Experience proves that men need teachers. Here's where you come in.

Go Heavy On The Pamphlets

There are 4 well stocked pamphlet racks here on campus. They contain information on a variety of subjects that invariably pop up for discussion. Some of you are more articulate than others. But there is never an excuse for your apologizing to anyone for the Catholic stand on a particular point -- not if you have the good sense to reach for a pamphlet in which the answer is contained in a fairly well organized and reliable manner. Maybe your mind isn't trustworthy. In that case, the pamphlet will save both you and the Church. It will do wonders for the enquirer.

Use these pamphlets -- whether you leave an offering or not. Read them. Send them to those who were party to a discussion. Leave them on the busses, in the coaches, of trains, in the stations, in any public pamphlet rack -- wherever a person with an idle moment might chance upon them. One day, as you stand before the judgment throne of God, it will be mighty rewarding to have someone point a finger at you and say: "Thanks to him, I made it!"

Octave Intentions

Today: Submission of the Anglicans. Today in England, about 8% of Anglicans actually attend Church. Indifference is the characteristic of the day. Pray to St. Thomas More, and St. John Fisher, that their countrymen may return to the old Faith that was wrested from them under the first Elizabeth.

Tomorrow: The Return of Lutherans and other Protestants. Today in Western Europe, every Christian is free to pray and search for truth, as the Holy Spirit reveals it to him. Unity in Truth, we believe, will be found in the Apostolic Faith which all believed and practiced for 1500 years after the time of Our Lord.