
This Week's Red Hat ...

is conferred "magno cum strepitu" upon the author of the budding heresy -- most recent on campus -- which professes that Holy Communion should not be distributed outside Mass. "If he doesn't get up for Mass," says the latest Cardinal, "he does not deserve to receive Communion."

We pause merely to remind him that, if the Church permits reception of Communion outside Mass, the matter is settled -- so far as any practical Catholic is concerned.

We think he would have accompanied his oratory with greater brilliance had he stressed the point that the most fitting time to receive is at Mass. Otherwise, he is being too exclusive for the Church in our day, according to Blessed Pius X. For the Church, ever mindful of the urgent need we have for the Sacraments, makes them available to the faithful. She insists, however, that their reception be surrounded with dignity and reverence.

The budding heretic would have done much better to insist upon adequate Preparation and Thanksgiving. With some show of logic he might have trained his big guns on those individuals who march into chapel and to Communion in much the same manner as they do to the cafeteria -- then out the door.

Some local saints devote about as much time to the whole procedure as they would on a round trip in a revolving door at Macy's. And that's hardly long enough. In this area there is ample room for improvement, because this is the real abuse of a wonderful privilege.

There would be much more logic to his doctrine, were he to insist that the preparation for, the reception of, and the thanksgiving after, Communion should require fifteen minutes of any Catholic alerted to the Real Presence under the Species of bread, and conscious of God's actual Presence within his soul. Now there's an area that could stand some oratory, because this is really sound doctrine.

Always these lay cardinals are long on heresy, and short on orthodoxy. And the odds are better than even that this same fellow comes late for Sunday Mass! It's a little dangerous, too -- this being holier than the Church!

Orchids To ...

the hundreds who turned out for the Memorial Mass in Sacred Heart at 6:45 for the accident victims. It was a splendid show of loyalty and fraternal charity. Nor did you do yourselves any harm -- because at the Memento for the Living, Father Hesburgh offered the Sacrifice for the next one of you to die.

Prayers Requested

Deceased: father of Jack, '52, and George, ex-'54, Degan; uncle of Joe Gargan of Fisher; friend of Ken Donadio of Lyons; Brother Abundius, CSC; sister of Father Lizewski, CSC; uncle of Jerry Roe (Off-Campus); grandfather of William Mulcahy of Lyons; Donald Mullany, '46; Dr. Robert J. Burns, '17; friend of Mike Solter of Farley; John J. Holmes, '31; father of Roy Mendell, '50; Michael J. Brezas, '52; father of Victor DeSimon; mother of Jim Collins, '32. Ill: mother and aunt of Frank Fonte of Dillon; friend of Elliot Lese of Dillon; sister of Tom Blubaugh of St. Ed's; grandfather of Mike Horne of St. Ed's (critical).

Tonight, at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church: The Lenten Series with Father O'Brien.