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A Timely Memorandum

From: Chairman of the Board  
To: All Stockholders  
Subject: Sunday Mass

The Chairman of the Board and all Directors of the moribund C.L. & L.E. Line (Come Late and Leave Early) make the following information available, and vouch for the authenticity of the following pertinent facts:

- 1) In a moment of compunction we feel required by law (of God Himself) to reveal, declare and assert that our line has for its terminal -- Purgatory. The next stop is Hell. We may extend our terminal if our business conditions improve.
- 2) All Catholics who do not assist at an entire Mass on Sunday automatically become stockholders in our stupid, and insolvent company.
- 3) On close examination, we have found all stockholders to be dullards, lazy, and lukewarm, hovering on the fringes of respectability, unmindful that it is no honor whatsoever to have anything to do with our corporation. The smart boys avoid us like poison.
- 4) There is a heavy penalty visited upon all who dabble in our stock. Although we may be deficient regarding values, yet our Accounting Department is infallible, and no one escapes the charges incurred.
- 5) We pay no dividends. Indeed, we exact reparations from the gullible who get involved, and so find themselves saddled with our worthless stock.
- 6) Additional liabilities of scandal, distracting the faithful, bad example, etc., are not to be overlooked, or side-stepped, by stockholders. Here again, the Accounting Department is infallible.
- 7) Normally, the ease, and comfort, and lack of complications provided for Sunday Mass make our stockholders all the more responsible for getting involved in our corporation. The penalties exacted are in precise proportion to the ease with which the Sunday obligation is belittled, sluffed off, or overlooked entirely.
- 8) Membership in our ranks leads to a gradual ignoring of the obligation of Sunday Mass itself. When our stockholders reach this level, they are adjudged unworthy of even our frowsy company. Hence, anyone in his right mind, who continues as a stockholder in this corporation is a perfect lunkhead.
- 9) It should be evident to all that our stockholders show a particular lack of reason, as well as a sense of values -- since the Mass is the one perfect, and infinite sacrifice available. To belittle the Mass is to let the most valuable asset on earth slip through their fingers. This is exactly what our stockholders do.
- 10) Finally, we must apprise all stockholders that all debts will be amortized in leisurely fashion at our terminal point -- Purgatory. Since no person with sound spiritual values will ever want any part of either our stock, or our manner of liquidation of assets, we frankly advise you to get out and stay out of this sleezy company. Don't say we didn't warn you.

--(Hon.) Phinias A. Dudd  
Chairman of the Board