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SAINTS AND SINNERS WILL GATHER FRIDAY

WHY ? TO MAKE YOUR EASTER DUTY TOGETHER

WHERE ? IN YOUR OWN HALL CHAPELS

Why in common? Because experience has shown that the fellow who finds it hard to go to the Sacraments feels better about it if he has strong support, and because fixing a date is all the urging most of the phlegmatic boys need.

Again, it is well to have the habit of offering a specific Communion in fulfillment of this Precept of the Church. Those who have already received -- on any day since First Sunday of Lent -- have fulfilled their obligation; but they are requested to receive again on Friday morning with the entire Notre Dame household.

Good example, like bad example, is contagious. Those who go encourage others to go. Those who stay away encourage others to stay away. The timid will relish the strong support of the marching hundreds, up the aisle to the rail. Fixing a date like this is the spark that ignites the flame that becomes a conflagration of piety.

Cooperation! You are your brother's keeper. Whoever influences a single sinner to mend his ways, to turn toward the altar and to receive Our Lord worthily, no doubt saves his own soul. St. James (5:20) has something to support that statement when he writes: "My brethren, if one of you strays from the truth, and a man succeeds in bringing him back, let him be sure of this: to bring back erring feet into the right path means saving a soul from death, means throwing a veil over a multitude of sins." Could you stand a veil over your sins?

Says Thomas Merton: "There is only one vocation. Whether you teach, or live in a cloister, or nurse the sick, whether you are in religion or out of it, married or single, no matter who you are or what you are, you are called to the summit of perfection...And if you cannot do so by word, then by example."

-- The Seven Storey Mountain

What about it? Go to confession tomorrow evening..."If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made white as now..."His tender mercies are above all His works"...Avoid the crowds that stand in line for hours on Friday morning. Don't let anything interfere with this obligation. The morning rush makes no allowance for a long wait for confessions. Go tomorrow evening in your own hall chapel. Show your good will, your zeal, your charity, your good example on this occasion.

This Friday -- is also the First Friday of the Month, the day on which we are told to pray for the great grace of a happy death. Remember Our Lord's words to St. Margaret Mary: "I will grant to all who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance." That's a promise that everyone of us can use -- saint and sinner!

PRAYERS -- Deceased: uncle of Frank Burge of Alumni; Bro. Nicholas, C.S.C.; Rt. Rev. John Sabota (Sacred Heart Parish, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.); Sister Mary Domitalla, OSF; father of Dick Borzilleri, '52; father of Martin McCauley of Dillon, Ill.; sister of Terry Crowley of Lyons; Rev. Edward Heston, C.S.C.; Rev. Jos. McCartney, C.S.C.; sister of Jerry Lapeyre of Sorin; grandmother of Dick Siegler of Morrissey; nephew of Michael Jackman of Walsh.

Tonight at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church -- The closing talk in the Lenten Series. Confessions are heard there after the brief services. DROP IN!