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What Of Mixed Marriage ?

Your Holy Mother, the Church, is 1922 years old. She has been marrying her children all this time. She has observed carefully, and speaks from experience when she cautions you: "Marry a Catholic." Some Seniors (19%) are not impressed - are not resolved to marry a Catholic girl.

Every Catholic priest has observed many difficulties and sorrows arising from mixed marriage; and they, too, caution you against such a union.

And Notre Dame Alumni have had some experience in this matter. They're closer to you, and they have something to say on the matter: Listen:

"Just like the word itself. They are mixed, and what a mixture! No good."

"My wife is a convert. She's sincere but does not get the Catholic angle of family life. Something missing."

"I married a Catholic. Tell your boys at N.D. to try to stay within the Church. Hard enough to practice certain laws with a Catholic."

"Tried it twice. If I were to marry a third time, I should pick a daily Communicant."

"My father was a non-Catholic and a good man; but I married a Catholic. I should know first hand, and I am very much against mixed marriages."

"In this territory I hear of fallen-away Catholics every day with mixed marriages the cause."

"I believe that they are a far more serious mistake for all concerned than even our religion teachers indicate.

"Get a Catholic girl. Married at the altar the bond seems stronger. It brings me closer to my wife when we kneel in our home and say the Rosary during Lent."

"Nothing like having a wife kneeling and praying beside you in church."

"As an offspring of one, I am only now beginning to see the many terrible possibilities."

"Violently 'anti.' I once took a Catholic census."

"Never should be allowed. I am the son of a mixed marriage and know the two different worlds such parents live in."

"My father is a non-Catholic, but a very good man. He would not let any of us attend non-Catholic schools. But there always has been something missing at home. I say NO!"

"Mother is a convert; my brother a seminarian; the other children are just Catholic; Dad has fallen away -- need more?"

"Don't even like to date non-Catholic girls, for fear I might fall in love with one of them."

"My faith is the most important thing in life. I want a partner in life. A Catholic girl will help me stay close to God by going to the Sacraments regularly, and by influencing me to do the same. It is also good to know that she cannot chance another partner after marriage for any reason important or unimportant."

"My father was a non-Catholic. After raising 12 children as Catholics, my mother said if she were starting over she would never attempt a mixed marriage."

But with 19% of you Seniors, it is going to be different! Your mixed marriage will be the great love of the Ages! The Alumni quoted above thought the same of their romance, of they would never have taken the step -- the irrevocable step. Right!

Should you go ahead anyway, the Bulletin -- ten years from now -- will find space on this same page for your quotation; and pass it on to the younger generation.