

Tomorrow at 4:45: The
Holy Hour in Sacred
Heart Church.

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Coming Friday night at 8:15:
The lecture by Notre Dame's
Lieut. Dooley, U.S.N.

Objection! Objection!

"Dear Father:

"In Monday's Bulletin, you seemed to indicate that Catholics are forbidden to attend non-Catholic services. Isn't this a little inconsistent, since we are always inviting them to attend doctrinal lectures in our Church? How explain this to the girl-friend?"

Reply: There is no inconsistency in our attitude. A Catholic would violate Catholic principles by attending services in a non-Catholic church, whereas your friend violates no principle in her religion by attending doctrinal lectures in Catholicism.

Why? Protestantism is essentially a religion based on private judgment; a Protestant is logically a seeker after truth. In view of the many doctrinal divisions among the sects, and the many different viewpoints of liberal thought, the logical thinker in these denominational churches can never be certain of his position. He must at least admit that the Catholic Church may be the one Church of Christ.

Now Catholicism is essentially a religion based on a divine, infallible teaching; a Catholic is logically a possessor of the truth. Why, therefore, should he seek for that which he already possesses? His faith precludes all possibility of doubt; it rests on the authority of God. He can never admit that other churches, liberal or orthodox, may possibly be right.

And if the girl-friend comes back at you with the disturbing question: "What is better than searching for the truth?" -- don't run. A little better defense of the faith is expected of you. Simply tell her: "Finding it!"

Maybe she won't agree with your line of reasoning. But you should, at least give her a reason, and a good one, for the conduct dictated by your faith.

Incidentally, Catholic girl-friends don't pose these problems! With them you will partake of a unity of Faith, and purpose, and outlook, on the nature of marriage -- its binding character and obligations, and sanctity. They provide the qualities of a helpmate -- rather than of a debating opponent!

The Seasonal Hazard

"Golf increases the blood pressure, ruins the disposition, spoils the digestion, induces neurasthenia, hurts the eyes, callouses the hands, ties kinks in the nervous system, debauches the morals, drives men to drugs, drinks, and homicide; breaks up the family, turns the ductless glands into internal warts, corrodes the pneumogastric nerve, breaks the edges of the vertebrae, induces spinal meningitis, and progressive mendacity. It starts angina pectoris, and breeds wind on the stomach.

"Then, too, by the time a golfer can afford to lose a ball, he can't hit it that far.

"But golf keeps the doctors out in the open air, and gives the people in hospitals and sick-rooms a chance to get well. Public health is better because of the game of golf, generally speaking."

-- Sioux City Punch

PRAYERS - Deceased: father of Jim Hyer (O-C); aunt of Fr. Leo Ward, CSC; grandfather of Tony Yurchak of Sorin; father of Prof. Fallon (Phy-Ed.). Ill: father of Brendan (Alumni) Ed (Fisher) and Gerald (Farley) Broderick; mother of Bill Jones (Alumnus).