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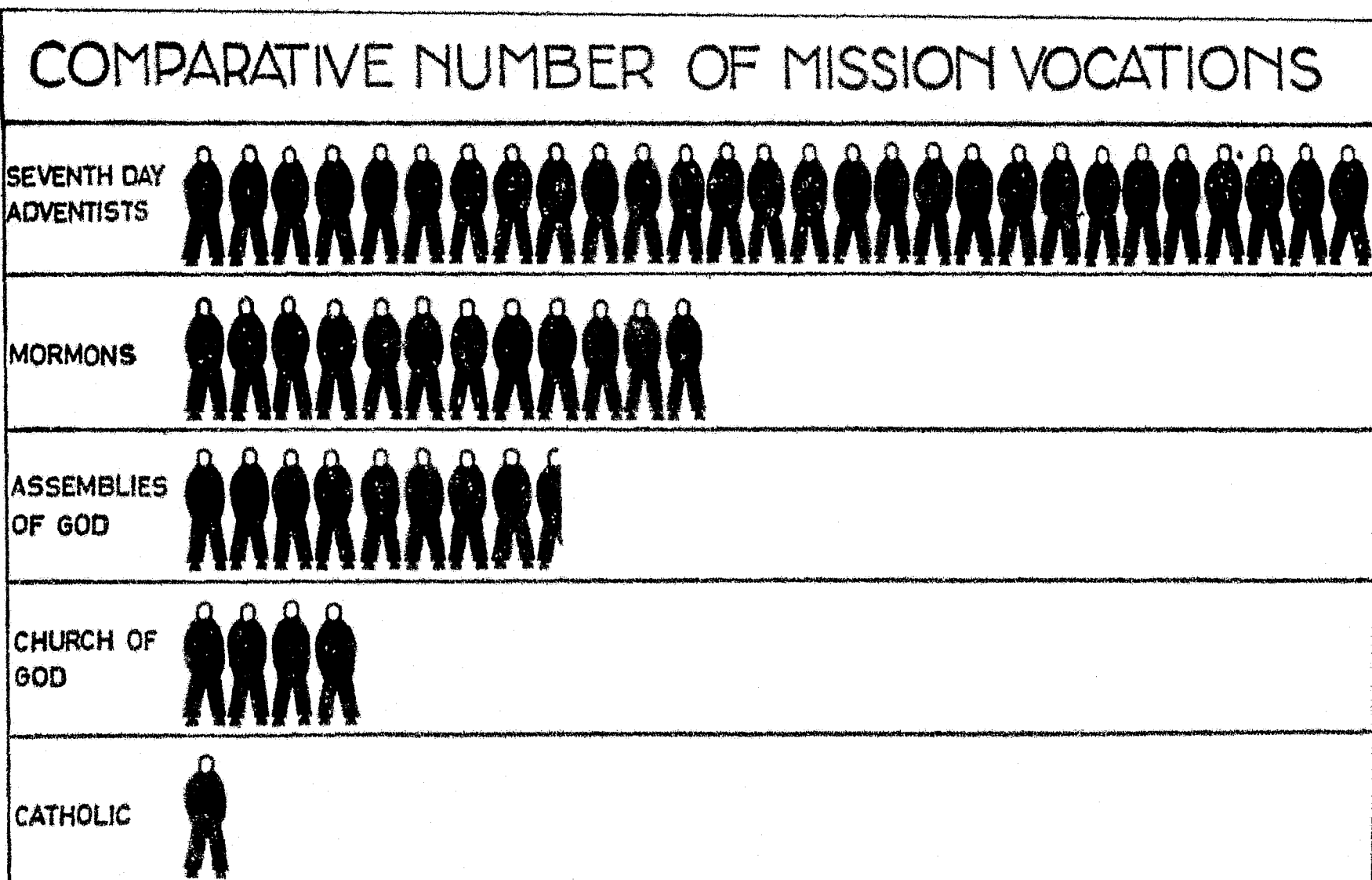
● ANOTHER CLOSED RETREAT is scheduled for the weekend of December 9-11 at St Joseph Hall. Here's a chance to take some time out before Advent is over, and examine the past, present, and future. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. The tab for the weekend is five dollars and excused cuts are possible for Saturday classes. To make arrangements, call Extension 282 or stop at 116 Dillon.

● VIDEOPHILES last Friday were treated to a documentary, "Harvest of Shame" on C.B.S. Reports. The production was uncompromising in its exposure of the filth, despair, and grinding poverty of the migratory workers who follow the crops from Florida to New York and from Mexico to Oregon. If you watched it and thought it was well done, why not write to C.B.S., (485 Madison Avenue, New York 22) and tell them so.

● AT 7:30 TONIGHT, Dan Callaghan gets the Advent Symposium underway with his talk on "Catholic Provincialism". Place: Law Auditorium.

● ON MONDAY, the Law School observes its annual Law Day. Purpose of the observance is to help those inclined to dedicate their lives to the legal profession. The day's program will afford an opportunity to view at first hand the way men go about developing a love of the law and a passion for justice. Cancelled cuts are permitted.

● THIS PICTURE GRAPH suggests the degree of zeal for the missionary conquest of the world is not as strong as it ought to be among Catholics in our country. There is one foreign missionary (priest, sister, brother, or layman) for every 6451 American Catholics. The Church of God has one foreign missionary for every 1576 members. The Assembly of God, one for every 745 members. The Mormons, one for every 539 members. The Seventh Day Adventists, one for every 230 members!



● PRAYERS. Deceased: Most Rev. John M. McNamara, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C.; uncle of Rev. Roman Ladewski, C.S.C.; Edmond L. Moriarty, '33; John A. Vainisi, '50; mother of Michael, '25, Albert, '27, and Joseph Adrian, '39. Ill: Bill Nebel of Alumni; Nick DePola of Lyons; Joe Murdock of Cavanaugh. One Special Intention.



FREQUENTLY, as I am going to or coming from the church, I pass a happy-go-lucky student who appears as though he hadn't a care in the world. Reminds me of the song..... "I Whistle a Happy Tune". While frequent Communion is the normal practice of most of his friends, he hasn't made it to confession since last Spring. His attitude seems to suggest that because he is not obliged to receive frequently, he has no obligation to get sin off his soul.

He needs a reminder that there is a sin called obstinacy in sin. It is a sin that can have some pretty tragic effects. It's one of the six sins against the Holy Ghost, and theologians place it next to the last in the list:

1. Presumption of God's mercy;
2. Despair of God's grace;
3. Impugning the known Christian truth;
4. Envy at another's spiritual good;
5. Obstinacy in sin;
6. Final impenitence.

TO THIS FRIEND of mine I suggest thinking about the following points.

1. If you can tell me anything I haven't heard before, I'll say a Mass for you.
2. I haven't yet shot anyone in the confessional.
3. It's better to tell your story here than to tell it to the Divine Judge when you come

Divine Judge when you die.

4. You can't do your best work in your classes; you can't really enjoy life; you can't be yourself; unless you're in the state of grace.
5. As a matter of fact, you and all the hold-outs will come around sooner or later, so you might as well make it sooner.

LET'S NOT HAVE ANY of this business about waiting for old age to reform. Others around here are giving God the best they have. This is the noble thing.

THIRTEEN HUNDRED or more Communions each day seems pretty good, but there could be a thousand more. But, it will require your participation. Monday is a good time to begin. That's the day the Novena for Parents begins. You can't claim inconvenience. You can't claim that you don't owe it to your parents to pray for them. You won't claim fear of confession. So what is there to keep you back?

NOTHING, absolutely nothing. So, let's get going.

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