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Pearls before swine

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is God's greatest gift to man. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed daily in our midst. Every prayer, every action of the priest, every vestment, has a meaning. And every moment of the Mass is full of graces for those for whom it is said and for those who attend.

If you are not familiar with the meaning of the Mass, get the pamphlet, "Prayers and Ceremonies of the Mass" and learn something of the great central mystery of your religion. If you are not interested, then God pity you! Pray that God will not take away from you the grain of Faith that you have and give it to someone who will appreciate it.

If you are interested you will not miss any part of the Mass, especially on Sundays. If you come late, you will hear another Mass. It is a very serious venial sin to miss the part of the Mass before the Gospel. If you ever expect to acquire culture, start with your soul's best interests  
"Their God is Their Belly."

~~St Paul would have applied these words to you if he had seen you breaking away before the end of Mass last Sunday to be first in line at the "Calf".~~

This is Funny.

The best alarm-clock in the world is the fear of a sermon. Students who "simply can't hear the bell" can get around for six o'clock Mass without being called.

Stand.

The congregation should stand at a High Mass when the Pater Noster and the prayer following it are sung.

The Fortune Teller.

"Your horoscope on temporal favors has knocked all religion out of me. That's all I ever pray for."

Moonshine Dick

Dear Dick: When you were a baby you used to cry for the moon, but it wouldn't have done you any good if your mother could have given it to you. Now you pray for moonshine.

Prayer for temporal favors is perfectly proper. Our Lord taught us to say, "Give us this day our daily bread"; but he prefaced this petition with another: "Thy will be done." If you pray for the will of God to be done, you will never have a disappointment.

Our bodies make us materialists, so we must pray for temporal favors. But don't become a gross materialist: be an attenuated one.

A Novena for Temporal Favors.

As a practical application of this lesson on temporal favors, a Novena to the Sacred Heart, for the temporal needs of Notre Dame, will begin tomorrow. You know these needs: if you love your school, you will pray God to fill them. Prayer has done everything worth while for Notre Dame. But place this condition on your prayers -- that they will be granted only on condition that prosperity will not injure the spirit of sacrifice that made Notre Dame.

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