

May 3, 1923.

An Answer.

To "A Seeker of the Truth":

The Habitual irreverent use of the Holy Names shows two things regarding a man: First, his training has been such that those words are imbedded deeply in his mind. This is in his favor, and in favor of those who trained him. Secondly it shows that while the words themselves have become indigenously familiar to him, what they mean has not. Their sacred significance has not as yet been fully realized.

Such a person is like a man who mechanically memorizes all the rules for playing bridge, but can only repeat them, and not apply them. This person needs someone to remind him that speech connotes ideas, and that the jumble of words he has memorized has a very practical application, the meaning of which he will do well to grasp if they are to aid him in playing good bridge.

To return to our original person-- in pronouncing the Holy Name he has started a prayer, and perhaps after a reminder from you he will understand that he should finish the prayer and not the curse.

Recluse.

St. Monica.

Tomorrow the Church commemorates another glory of motherhood -- the mother of St. Augustine. St. Monica prayed thirty years for the conversion of her wild son-- and lived to see him one of the great Doctors of the Church. Offer Holy Communion for your own mother on St. Monica's day, and pray that she will never have to shed tears over your conduct.

First Friday Adoration.

Confessions tonight in the basement after supper and at 7:30 in the hall chapels. Mass of Exposition at 6:30/ Please be a sport and keep out of the basement chapel tomorrow morning. We want a general Communion for our mothers in the Church -- something big enough to write home about.

You Want Figures?

Some interesting statistics on the number of Communions:

	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>increase</u>
April average	443	583	140
Sept-April total	125,398	137,587	12,189
First day of May	518	758	240
First Friday in May	811	/	

Fair weather should aid your love for the Mother of God.

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