

Another Answer.

" I read frequently of Non-Catholic friends complaining of and questioning the actions and language of the Catholic students at Notre Dame.

"I wonder if one can stop and reason a bit. You know that we are all, even we of Notre Dame, essentially human, and, therefore frail. We do forget the sacredness of the Holy Name. They don't at state schools? From intimate experience I wish to contradict. But surely not to the same extent. Why? Because at state schools there is a mingling of the sexes. One does not swear before a lady you know, not if he's a gentleman. And one question please. Do you talk at home as you do at school? We won't speak of profanity for a moment. But did you ever shout for "spuds" or "slum" over at a refectory dinner? yes you did. We've heard you. But you leave your refectory synonyms behind in June don't you? And we boys aren't nearly so profane while at home.

"We here at Notre Dame are to ourselves, and being so we lapse into slovenly and careless vulgarities. Anywhere we find a group of men away from home and the opposite sex, we may find a surprising and disgusting amount of profanity. Let's blame it on the old cause, carelessness. And then there are a lot of fellows who are asses enough to think that cursing is a requisite of manhood. Laugh if you wish. It's no joke. Right here at Notre Dame there are a few individuals who think that to be a man one must chew, smoke cigarettes, drink moonshine and curse

fluently.

"But let's not condemn this type of Catholic man. He's really pretty fine inside. And you know that his being a Catholic doesn't insure him against any of the evils of our day. It should make him more ashamed of himself, surely. But let's judge him from more than one observation. Notre Dame men could be asked two things:

"Will our non-Catholic fellows take the better type of Catholic student to use as a standard. Will they take the better side of Notre Dame and ballance it against the other. Please.

"And will our Catholic men, our Catholic Notre Dame men, open their eyes to the damage they are doing in forgetting themselves. Let's give the Notre Dame man another degree than A.B. in profanity. --R.F.D."

Three Questions.

1. Is the presence of a lady more important than the presence of God?
2. Can profanity be unconscious if it is consciously omitted in the presence of a lady?
3. Can slovenliness go so far in a college man as to affect the respect he owes to God?

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