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Another Wild Man.

"Rev. Father: You might just as well save the postage on your formal invitations to join the Church. I feel perfectly capable of looking after my own Religion. The insulting way in which you try to force Religion down our throats has disgusted me with Catholic education."

Why not go on and finish the letter with the words of the store-keeper down the Michigan Road: "I am 200% American. I hate everybody."

Patrick Murphy, Mormon Bishop.

The assumption on yesterday's Bulletin was perfectly justified. There is a streak of Religion in the Irish that comes out in vocation every so often. If you fail to hold on to what you have received, the next out-cropping of that spirit will grace a non-Catholic pulpit.

Systematize Your Development.

Lend Variety to your spiritual development. Choose a different virtue to practice every day or every week or every month. Take one predominant virtue for the year, and let the others assist. Choose from the list:

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| 1. Humility | 5. Temperance | 9. Meekness | 13. Honesty |
| 2. Charity | 6. Truthfulness | 10. Obedience | 14. Frankness |
| 3. Zeal | 7. Generosity | 11. Modesty | 15. Self-respect |
| 4. Fortitude | 8. Kindliness | 12. Justice | 16. Self-Control |

Chastity goes without saying; Prudence must direct all virtue; Mortification must protect it.

Be Practical.

The choice of one virtue for the day's work, does not imply the indulgence of the eleven vices opposed to the other virtue. Intensification on one means the seeking out of occasions for the performance of specific acts of that virtue. Remember that action, not resolution, grooves our future actions.

Your Predominant Fault.

Hammer away at that until its opposite becomes a virtue. No one loves a quitter.

Brother Columba.

All over the country there is mourning for Brother Columba, the old cobbler, whose devotion to the Sacred Heart brought relief to thousands of troubled hearts during the last couple of decades. His little Sacred Heart badges and his Novena's to the Sacred Heart made physicians acknowledge, time after time, that there is a higher medical power they could not fathom. He was good to the Poor Souls. They took him during their month.