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St. Patrick and St. Bridget.

Two Irish saints claim your prayers for the team today.

When Faith Grows Cold.

Our Lord once said to the Apostles: Think you that the Son of Man when he cometh shall find Faith upon the earth?" When Faith grows cold you may expect to see any of the following sights:

1. Students coming late to Mass with the idea that there is no sin in it provided you come before the Offertory;
2. Students leaving Mass after the Communion with the notion;
3. Students attending the parish Masses in direct disobedience to the command of their Bishop;
4. Students leaving the 10:15 Mass during the sermon to smoke cigarettes in front of the church;
5. Students rushing away from Holy Communion before the Host is consumed;
6. Students neglecting to hear Mass on Sunday;
7. Students staying away from the Sacraments for months at a time;
8. Students eating meat on Friday.

The Penalty for Cold Faith.

"God heardend the heart of Pharo" is an expression used time and again in the book of Exodus to explain the peculiar psychology of Pharo's conduct. If you allow your faith to grow cold it freezes. You die without the last Sacraments. If you want to see the steps in the process they are given above in the usual order.

What Sin Is the Most Grievous?

Theologians state that there is a descending order of grievousness in the Ten Commandments. Circumstances may make a sin in a lower order more grievous than a sin in a higher order, but generally speaking the proposition holds true. Missing Mass on Sunday and eating meat on Friday are visited with more terrible visible punishments than drunkenness and impurity. They contain more deliberate disobedience to God's Law than the sins that are more the result of natural corruption. They generally result in loss of faith while the shame attaching to impurity and drunkenness send the sinner in remorse to the feet of God.

Turning Down God's Grace.

When You neglect a grace now you may not notice any difference. But when a new temptation comes and you fall, you can look back to the remote cause.

Graces are neglected by the wholesale. If you study the statistics you will find that the past week has about the same number of daily Communicants as the second week of school --but there are many new faces. God gives out a certain amount of grace and it goes to those who are best disposed. If you have fallen away from the practice it is because some one else was better disposed to receive this grace.