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"There is No Morality without God."

This is a truism. If you don't believe it you will probably try it out-- and find out what others have by bitter experience. But you don't have to try it out. Three out of five people in Indiana (you saw in Saturday's Bulletin) have no religion. You will find among them different degrees of acceptance of the following propositions:

1. Bad thoughts and impure speech are not sins because they harm no one;
2. Personal impurity is not sinful; "it is natural";
3. There is no harm in adultery and fornication if you avoid public scandal;
4. It is far better to divorce and remarry if you are not in harmony with your wife;
5. It is better for the world that "fewer and better babies" be produced -- but conjugal restraint need not be practiced in order to effect this reduction; (the Birth Control Clinic is fighting hard for a footing in Chicago;)
6. The unborn child of the unwilling mother is an unjust aggressor and has no right to life.

Morality With God.

Against these propositions the Holy Ghost has given us in Holy Scripture the following lessons:

1. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God."
Matt. 5,8.
"All uncleanness, let it not so much as be named among you as becometh Saints." -- Eph. 5,3.
2. "Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? But if any man violateth the temple of God, him shall God destroy." -- I Cor. 3;16.
3. "He that joineth himself to harlots will be wicked. Rottenness and worms shall inherit him." -- Eccclus. 19,3.
4. "What God hath joined, let no man put asunder." -- Matt. 19,6.
5. "Therefore the Lord slew him, because he did a detestable thing." -- Gen. 38,10.
6. "Thou shalt not kill." -- The Fifth Commandment.

Does This Concern Us?

Not a day passes without its scandal in which figures some one with a Catholic name. Only last week a divorced man whose father was a Catholic got scare heads in the papers when he became the third husband of a divorcee. And Notre Dame men are as much exposed to pagan standards as anyone else.

The Novena.

The Immaculate Conception is the title under which we venerate the purity of the Blessed Virgin. Pray that her ideal may be restored to the world before it goes mad.