

"Unclean."

Under the old Jewish Law a leper had to keep off the road and shout "unclean" if he saw someone coming. Moral lepers take the whole road to themselves nowadays. They set the standard. Remember what Our Lord said: "Fear not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him that can destroy both the body and soul into hell." -- Matt. 10, 28.

The Haunts of the Unclean.

An occasion of sin is any person, place or thing by which we are likely to be led into sin. A person may be fair without, but filled within with "rottenness and dead men's bones." "He that toucheth pitch shall be defiled by it." The principal occasions for sins of impurity are:

1. Vile conversation and places where such things are usual;
2. Indecent shows and dances;
3. "Parties" conducted in pagan principles;
4. Obscene books and magazines;
5. Indecent pictures -- wall-decorations and the like;
6. Strong drink.

"You can't Get Away With It."

The sooner you learn that sin has its own punishment, the better off you will be. God is patient, but "God is not mocked." The more God loves you, the sooner he chastises you to bring you to your senses.

Seniors.

What has become of your absent brothers? The majority of them are doing well, thank God! But there is no rash judgment in thinking back over ~~the~~ those who entered as Freshmen with you and fell by the wayside through drink or evil companions. God willed it for your benefit as well as theirs.

Everyone Needs the Novena.

Don't fool yourself with regard to purity. The man with the fewest temptations can least afford to spurn the grace of God. The man who is tormented with temptations knows human weakness; the man who has none has no experience and is most likely to fall for the grass widow and lose both faith and hope for lust. "There's no fool like an old fool," Solomon in his days of wisdom said: "Her house is the way to hell, reaching even to the inner chambers of death." But when he neglected prayer he fell into the abominations of pagan flatterers.

If you have not begun the Novena as yet, start tomorrow and end December 14.

First Friday.

Go to confession this evening to avoid crowding tomorrow.