

Religious Bulletin.

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Sears-Roebuck.

Dr. Boyd-Snee, after looking over the unmasked crowd last Saturday, exclaimed: "Sears-Roebuck, by gosh, from their shoes to their neckties!"

Mail-Order Catholics.

The Kluxers have no monopoly on the mail order business. We have plenty of Sears-Roebuck Catholics: baptized in regulation fashion, and never getting any closer to their religion than catalog inspection. Scared to death of individuality, they move only in the thick of the crowd. They were'nt raised on Notre Dame Religion -- tailored to the last detail of shape -- and they cling desperately to the hand-me-downs. They are the hicks of the universal church. They receive the Sacraments just as often as their grandfathers did.

Tailored in Fashion Park.

Other Catholics there are who run entirely to individuality -- the "un-exampled smartness" kind. They are Hickey-Freeman Catholics. They do the right thing always -- as society would have it done. Religion for them must have the distinctive note. "A Noodles for Particular people" reads an ad for their eye.

Custom-Made Catholics

We will always need a rank and file in the Church, but we shouldn't count on the colleges to furnish it. A bricklayer can get along without a college education -- but there's the makings of many a good bricklayer spoiled here right now because some parents have too much money.

Fides Intrepida.

St. Malachy's Prophecy (which you can find described in detail in the Catholic Encyclopedia) gives as the characteristic of the Reign of Pius XI, "Fides Intrepida" -- unswerving Faith. A sub-title declares that it means the persecution of the laity. His prophecies for the other recent popes are as follows:

Leo XIII -- Lumen de Caelo -- A Light from Heaven. He was noted for his remarkable intellect.

Pius X -- Ignis Ordens -- a burning fire. Zeal was his characteristic.

Benedict XV -- Religion Depopulata -- Religion depopulated. He was the war pope.

There are seven more popes in his list before Peter II.

Is Your Fides Intrepida.

It is in daily Communion that you will receive the strength to "bear persecution for justice sake." Too many of you have weakened.