

The Embarrassment of Riches.

If one is not to the manner born, riches may take all the joy out of his life, because through their power to satisfy his wants they take away the joy there is in wanting something. And if joy is all placed in sensation or in emotion, the hectic race for more joy leaves one's nerves exhausted.

Assueta Vilesunt.

We must use our intelligence to maintain our regard for things with which we become familiar. The saints in heaven are the familiar friends of God, but their familiarity does not take away the keenness of their joy of possessing Him.

Then and Now.

Many of us have the faith only because our grand parents walked miles to Mass. All of us have the faith because of the martyrdom, physical or mental, of one or more of our ancestors. We will have the faith to hand down only as we cherish it and make sacrifices for it. On some points we do not do so well:

1. Many a student whose grandfather walked twelve miles through snow and ice to hear Mass, cannot walk down the corridor to perform the same act of faith.
2. Many a boy whose grandmother could get to church only once a month, and who sought the presence of God in earnest prayer for long after she had tucked her ten kids away in bed,---many such a boy cannot find five minutes free time in twenty-four hours to visit his God in the tabernacle of the hall chapel.
3. Many a lad whose ancestors made their Easter duty in a cave or along a hedge---under cover from English guns---disregards the opportunity God gives him of nourishing his soul daily with the Food of Life.

Your Descendants.

If your children's children have the faith, will they owe it to you, or will they have to thank your own ancestors for a strain of faith that your gross indifference has not been strong enough to kill?

Do Not Despise Your Privilege.

Nowhere in this country is there a community which enjoys closer intimacy with the Blessed Sacrament than does the student-body at Notre Dame. Our Lord lives in our very midst---even next to our living rooms. And He is deserted! How many visits have the students of Badin Hall, for instance, made to the Blessed Sacrament in the hall chapel this year? And how much faith do they show when they assemble, talking and laughing, for night prayer? How many acts of reparation will we make on this First Friday?

Mass in the Church Tomorrow.

The hall chapels will not be used for Holy Communion tomorrow. The Mass for the students will be a Mass of Exposition in the church at 6:25. But go to confession tonight. There are only four confessionals in the church, and four priests cannot hear four hundred confessions in thirty minutes.

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