

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

April 1, 1925

Let the Questionnaires Settle the Matter.

The East-West-Middle West controversy grows apace. There are some excellent contributions, and it is too bad that lack of space keeps them out for the present, only one letter was unpresentable: when the lancet struck Tammany Hall a lot of pus ran out. That's too bad, as real Tammanyites do not make a business of insulting priests: quite the contrary. Fight it out on the questionnaires, and there will be a lot of good matter for presentation to the Catholic public when the results are compiled.

You may take just one peek at an easterner's reply: "It's an impossibility to steal most westerners' underwear, even after severing their jugularveins with a safety razor!"

Frequent Communion and Reverence.

"Dear Father: After seven months of almost daily Communion it is frequently necessary for the priest to encourage me to receive. I did not receive last Sunday after a good confession. Last week I walked back from the rail in the basement chapel wondering why the Sacred Host did not burn a hole through my tongue, and I was in the state of grace so far as I knew.

"When I was an infrequent communicant no one ever had to spur me to receive, and I walked away from the rail patting myself on the back. Frequent Communion is one sure way to have reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Five minutes' meditation on the awfulness of the Blessed Sacrament is enough to drive one into the desert, never to presume again to take God into his mouth.

"The mental and physical acceleration or disturbance associated with receiving Holy Communion in an infrequent communicant is not reverence, but merely the discomfort one feels when in a strange place."

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"I don't believe the statement that it lessens one's devotion and respect. I like convenience of the Sorin Hall chapel, not on account of late rising, as I get up at 4 A.M. and go to work, but because I sometimes work until I have just time to reach my 8:10 class. On one or two occasions I would have fasted until afternoon, but I didn't think a priest would give Communion so I ate lunch. One day I missed on account of drinking some water. On these days I had to be content with a spiritual Communion. Holy Communion seems to give the strength to stand up under strain. Without it I do not believe I would still be at Notre Dame."

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These two students have solved the problem of reverence, the one by meditation, and the other by sacrifice. Mass, mortification, meditation and spiritual reading have been suggested as cures for lack of devotion. The subject is closed now unless some new matter is presented.

The Sermon Tonight.

"Witnesses of the Crucifixion" is the subject of the Passion sermon at 7:30 tonight.

First Friday Confessions.

The number of Communions for this First Friday will be extraordinary: it is Lent, the eve of examinations, and the Feast of Our Lady of

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Sorrows. Take care of your confession tonight, during the sermon or after Benediction.

First Friday Adoration.

The intention suggested for this month's adoration is reparation for thoughtless neglects during Lent. Console Our Lady of Sorrows on this day.

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