
2. To Instruct the Ignorant.

Ignorance is one of the evils visited upon the human race in punishment for original sin. It is a great evil; no one knows how great, since we are all too ignorant to realize its catastrophic magnitude; teachers have their suspicions, however.

Instruction of the ignorant is a magnificent spiritual work of mercy. Let us hope that it carries a great reward, and covers a multitude of sins.

The following order is to be observed in the relief of ignorance: 1. Yourself; 2. Those of your household; 3. The heathen and the publican.

Opportunities for the exercise of this virtue abound. Here are some:

1. The Pamphlet Rack, the Apostolate Library (Brownson Hall), and the Library of the University offer excellent spiritual reading. Support the rack, do some spiritual reading yourself every day, send pamphlets home to the folks and to the girl, send them to your friends at secular schools, send them to your Klan friends. (A non-Catholic student was nearly run out of his home town for doing that two years ago. He had guts.)

(An extension to the pamphlet rack has been established in the annex to the office of the Prefect of Religion (141 Sorin Hall.)

2. The Honest inquiries of classmates, social acquaintances, seat-mates in trains and street cars, bench-mates in the factory and the Supreme Court, should be met with the best information at your disposal. Your study of your religion should be guided by a sense of your duty to meet the questions of those in your own state of life. That's how much religion you have to know.
3. Your example will be the Gospel of the Catholic Church to many outside the Faith. It is surprising what an amount of ignorance of Catholic doctrines and practices can prevail where Catholics are so numerous as they are in South Bend, for instance. You can destroy much prejudice and bigotry by being what your religion teaches you to be.
4. You can share in the merits of Father Brooks and Father Finner and the rest of the Notre Dame missionaries in India if you contribute prayers and money to their work. "Go, teach all nations," was said to us as well as to them; and if we do not go, we must give them what we can to make their work stick.
5. You can make the Church Unity Octave next week, praying that the Holy Ghost will enlighten those who sit in darkness. Newman had a great mind and vast erudition; he probably knew more about the Catholic Church than most of us; yet he did not become a Catholic until his prayer, "Lead, Kindly Light," was answered, and the Holy Ghost gave him the grace that only He can give.

Prayers.

Don Schettig asks prayers for his uncle, who is dangerously ill. John McNery writes that his father is still in critical condition, with prayer the only hope. Emil Anoit's father is quite sick.

Addressograph.

One hundred Off-campus students have kicked in a dime each since Christmas; total, \$1.00. Tuesday, the number of off-campus communicants was 127. Yesterday the street service or the snow or something caused a bit of a drop.