
Prayers.

Three sick students and four special intentions are recommended to your prayers. Urgent prayers are also requested for Catholics who are neglecting their Easter Duty. There are always a lot of birds waiting around for the grace of God to shove them into the confessional. Get someone that grace; do a bit of good in the world.

Questions from the Questionnaire.

102. Please discuss the question of the trouble with the early Popes.

Ans. Your request is a bit ambiguous. If you refer to the "bad" Popes, your answer is this: Our Lord promised infallibility, but not impeccability to St. Peter and his successors. They do not lose their free will, but the Holy Ghost protects them from error in their ex cathedra pronouncements on faith or morals, lest they lead people to sin through ignorance. St. Peter denied Our Lord; we may expect human weakness in his successors. Many of them are canonized saints, however, and it is surprising that there are so few against whom the most eager enemies have been able to raise a word of scandal. If you want a good discussion of the problem in individual cases, read Pastor's History of the Popes, a recent work based on the most solid research.

103. What about associating with divorced women?

Ans. They are still married. Would it be all right for your mother to associate with other men during the life-time of your father? Terrible results come from such foolishness -- and Notre Dame men can be as big fools as anyone else.

104. What is meant by a right intention in receiving Holy Communion?

Ans. Any intention that is not bad. You may ask for temporal favors -- with resignation.

105. How may I regain my respect for women?

Ans. By retracing the steps by which you lost it -- in sackcloth and ashes. Hard-boiled penance alone will do it. Read The Confessions of St. Augustine.

106. What justification is there for the Inquisition?

Ans. Read A Brief for the Spanish Inquisition, by E. A. Stone, a non-Catholic. You can find it at the Ave Maria office.

107. How can a fellow know the difference between love and infatuation?

Ans. Let him ask himself these tests questions: 1. Would my children be proud to have her for a mother? 2. Would I be willing to give her up rather than ever soil her soul with sin; 3. Would I be willing to sacrifice my life in caring for her if she were to become an invalid shortly after marriage? 4. Will she help me save my soul?

108. How does religion come back to one who has stayed away from the Church?

Ans. Often it does not come back. When it does, it is usually the result of patient and persevering prayer on the part of someone who loves the lost sheep.

109. Should a fellow go with a girl whose parents disagree with his own?

Ans. He may, but he should make friends with the sheriff to be sure of police protection for the family reunions.

110. Why should we be expelled so easily when Christ preached forgiveness?

Ans. Do you recall the parable of the mote and the beam? If you follow the teachings of Christ you will not fear expulsion.

111. Why do young men drink?

Ans. No brains.