

Religious Bulletin

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The Missionary's Reward.

"My brethren, if any of you err from the truth and one convert him: he must know that he who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of his way shall save his soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins." -- Epistle of St. James, v, 19, 20.

If you want a share in the missionary's reward, surround some ostrich and bring him back to the Church before he leaves for home. It can be done: it has been done.

General Confession.

A general confession is necessary only when one is certain that through his own fault he has omitted some mortal sin in past confessions; he must then go over all the past confessions since that time. It is useful when one is about to adopt a new state in life or encounter new dangers of temptation.

Empty the Rack.

The rack is fairly well stocked now, but nothing new will be ordered this year. Since the rack is not maintained during Summer School you might as well have what is there now. Help yourself. Stock up on spiritual reading for the summer, and take something along for the folks to read.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

77. How can I prevent mental decay?

Ans. Get a job under a hard taskmaster; it will give you a sense of responsibility. Use the suggestions given in Perseverance.

78. What good is it to answer sincere questions with biting sarcasm?

Ans. It makes a fellow think, and three weeks later, when he gets over his mad spell, he remembers what was said; many students are frank enough to come in and say so. And don't kid yourself about all these questions being sincere: when sarcasm is used in answering it is usually done to shake up the liver of a bozo who has vented considerable spleen in answering his questionnaire.

79. Do you think that some day the world will be converted?

Ans. The world will all be given a chance; but Our Lord said: "Think you that the Son of Man, when He comes, will find faith on the earth?"

80. Why does the Church display so much splendor when this money could be used in converting pagans?

Ans. This argument was first used by Judas -- not to insinuate that you have any of this qualities of this unfortunate renegade, but to show you what company you keep. When Mary Magdalene broke the alabaster vase of precious ointment to show her appreciation of Our Blessed Lord, Judas complained: "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence (about one thousand dollars in modern equivalence) and given to the poor?" Our Lord answered: "Let her alone, that she may keep it against the day of My burial. For the poor you have always with you: but Me you have not always."

81. How can I develop self-confidence?

Ans. By not thinking so much about yourself; by realizing that others are not paying you nearly the attention you think they are; by taking the initiative every chance you have; by leaving home this summer to work your way -- without a cent from home.

82. How will the publication of student wise cracks help the modern girl?

Ans. Why knows? It may help the modern boy; he pretends at least to hate a hypocrite.