

Religious Bulletin
October 12, 1927

Servers Meet tonight.

Father Murch will meet the servers tonight in the church at 6:30. All wishing to learn to serve Mass should report as well as those who know how and wish to use the privilege that is theirs

Stow The Gab

You may have much to say and you may find twenty-four hours a day a very brief time in which to say it, but in the name of goodness please place a muzzle on your gab when you enter the church or chapel, and leave it there till you get outside again. The present system of talking your way into church and out again is an abomination.

Likewise, there seems to be in the hall chapels little sense of the Divine Presence. Not even in Rome itself very probably is there such a privilege as you have here, with the Blessed Sacrament reserved in twenty-seven chapels in one square mile. The Bishop has been good to us, and we must realize very vividly that there is a great responsibility accompanying this privilege. Make visits during the day, and maintain an attitude of prayer whenever you are in the chapel. You are old enough to have sense; you shouldn't need a prefect trailing you constantly to remind you of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

"A Sin From Your Past Life"

About this time every year, and two or three more times during the year, the Bulletin has to remind you that when the confessor asks you to mention a sin from your past life he is not indulging in morbid curiosity about your youthful indiscretions. It simply means that you have not confessed anything that to him appears to be surely a sin, or a sin that you have real sorrow for. He cannot give absolution for doubtful sins unless certain matter has been offered for absolution at the same time. A sin from the past life, already absolved, may be made matter for absolution over and over again, and if you have only imperfections or doubtful sins to confess, you must confess a sin from the past if you want absolution. Make a practice of mentioning always some sin from your past life, and you save the confessor time and patience.

"Only Mortal Sins This Morning"

You have heard the old yarn about the priest who is supposed to have thinned out the crowd at his box on Sunday morning by coming out and announcing that he would hear only mortal sins for the rest of the morning. This caution is not intended in that spirit, but it is intended to relieve an urgent need.

It is more obvious that the number of students who try to get to confession on Sunday morning at the seven o'clock Mass is too great for the limited facilities of the church. In view of this fact, students who wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance merely through devotion -- making their regular weekly confession of imperfections and a sin from the past life -- should make it a point to go to confession at some other time. This will leave room for students who have some worry on their minds, such as a question about their fast, or some actual sins, whether mortal or venial, to confess.

Prayers

Two special intentions and three persons who are ill are recommended to your prayers. The prayers of the Novena for Van Wallendael begin this afternoon at Rosary Devotions.

Found: A slicker and a German prayer book.

See brother Alphonsus.