

Religious Bulletin
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Paul Revere's Ride.

This famous event in American history will be fittingly commemorated this evening in Badin Hall. Jerry Crowley will ride Pegasus of the Ball and Chain, and he will be told off by Joe Morrell on Father Goodall's horse, if there is enough of him to mount a saddle on by six o'clock this evening. The course will be over the third floor.

Prayers.

John McCarthy, of Walsh Hall, is quite ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Wm. V. Gadek asks prayers for a cousin who is very ill.

Questions.

32. Why is graft not considered a sin of theft?

Ans. By whom isn't it? Anyone who takes anything to which he has not a just title commits a sin of theft and is bound to restitution. The Law of God is clear. People may salve their consciences by saying that others do it, or that if they don't take it someone else will, but that sort of stuff will not get them by the Last Judgment.

33. Are long engagements ideal?

Ans. Certainly not for the girl. Aside from the dangers of courtship, which are many, the longer the engagement the less chance the girl has of getting married. The marriageable age of girls is growing shorter, and the girl has a fine chance of being left on the shelf if her fiance dies or takes a fancy to another girl.

34. Why doesn't the University try out some plan of voluntary religious service?

Ans. You have plenty of voluntary service now, if you want to use it. If you want everything voluntary, join some Protestant Church where the plan has been tried out for four centuries, with varying results.

35. Give a little instruction to a prodigal son about not worrying about the past. It wont help me, as this is my last year here, but it might help others.

Ans. "If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool." Isaias, i, 17, 18. We know by faith that a priest has power to forgive sins; and we cannot doubt the mercy of God, which goes out to all who seek it. Meditation on the Good Thief, the repentant Magdalene, the Prodigal Son, and the Woman taken in adultery, will help to reassure the timid soul. If this proves insufficient, the penitent should have a good talk with a priest.

36. Are modern youths as bad as they are said to be?

Ans. They would like to think so. And certainly the world is no better or more honest than it ever was in its attack upon youthful virtue. The Ten Commandments still hold; some people would prefer Twelve, so they could break more.

37. On what principles must a Catholic business man act?

Ans. Father Lahey gave a very good lecture on that the last of the Monday night conferences. It's too bad you didn't hear it. The Catholic business man is held to the Seventh Commandment and the injunction of Our Lord, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?" For more detail take the course in Distributive Justice.

38. Why this Religious Survey, and what good is it intended to do?

Ans. Read the Introduction to the Sixth Survey, which you will find at the rack.

39. What is the Church's attitude on the use of contraceptives?

Ans. They are against the natural law; it is a mortal sin to use them.