

Religious Bulletin

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Prayers.

Leo Kennelly's father passed away Monday night before he reached home; Fred Pfortner's father died Tuesday night; an uncle of Edw. Carringer died Tuesday evening, and his father is quite ill. Bob Brannon is suffering considerably from a fractured leg. Three special intentions are recommended. Two relatives of the Prefect of Religion are reported dying. Mr. McNulty, an off-campus landlord, died yesterday. A student asks prayers for the deceased Joseph Anthony, son of one of the Canton hosts to the Glee Club.

Spiritual Bouquet for Sydney.

The Catholics of the United States purpose to gather a "worthwhile garland" of one hundred million spiritual flowers to offer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament on Her birthday, September 8, at the opening of the Eucharistic Congress at Sydney, Australia. Offerings suggested include: Masses said, Masses heard (including those of obligation), Holy Communions, Spiritual Communions, Benedictions, Stations of the Cross, Hours of Adoration, Visits to Our Lord, Rosaries, Hours of Study, Aspirations.

In your offerings for this intention you may have as many other intentions as you wish. The halls will be canvassed shortly for your offerings; put down all you think you can do between now and the first of July. These offerings will be forwarded to headquarters and will form a part of the national tribute to Our Lady.

Case Q.

"For over thirteen years I have had spirituality dinned into me, and I've grown tired of it," says Q. He has received Holy Communion once this year, in September. But in another place he states that he does not like to admit his faults to any mortal, and that he intends to go to confession as soon as he can summon courage.

He explains his own case, and the very common accusation of "too much religion in Catholic schools." And since he is that honest he should get the fruit of honesty by going to confession. He has, of course, an entirely false conception of the Sacrament of Penance. It is not a personal matter with the priest. He certainly flatters himself if he feels that the priest singles his confession out of the thousands he hears each year and holds him in abhorrence as a moral leper or a pitiable weakling. When the slide closes the matter is closed so far as the priest is concerned; he would have to have superhuman intelligence to remember all he hears; and as a matter of fact he has the help of the Holy Ghost to forget what he hears. So if Q is wise he will submerge his self-consciousness and use the means of grace he has heard about for 13 years.

Case R.

R, a senior, is sick of enforced worship. His last Communion was in January. He would love to be a daily communicant, but he is not awakened in the morning and cannot get up himself. His class average puts him in the "cum laude" group.

About all he should need is a little meditation on his own statements given above.

Case S.

S is under the impression that a priest once told him he could read books on the Index so long as he was sure they weren't damaging him morally.

It's wonderful what impressions people carry away sometimes. That proposition was condemned in a decree of the Congregation of Indulgences on May 23, 1898.