

Religious Bulletin

May 26, 1928

Prayers.

Harold Langdon's mother is ill. Three special intentions. Robert Dockweiler's little nephew has suffered a serious accident.

Fast Day.

Today is the Vigil of Pentecost, and meat may be eaten only once.

The Church's Birthday.

Tomorrow, the feast of Pentecost, is the birthday of the Catholic Church, for it was on that day that the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles and they began their work. On this day we should: 1. Thank God for the precious gift of the Faith; 2. Pray for the gifts of the Holy Ghost; 3. Ask that God's Kingdom be spread upon earth.

Questions.

116. Why did God, Who is Almighty, create a poor thing like me to contribute to His further glory, when He could have made angels, who are more perfect? If He is Omnipotent, why does He require glorification?

Ans. 1. He loved you, and He did not love the other possible perfect beings or He would have created them. 2. He does not require it, but if He wants it He should have it.

117. If I commit adultery or miss Mass will the mortal sin condemn me to Hell without a chance?

Ans. Not without a chance, because God always extends the grace of forgiveness; if you are condemned it will be because you have rejected this grace.

118. In what respects can a fellow who has majored in philosophy put his knowledge to use?

Ans. Do you mean in what way can he make money with it? If so, your answer is that it is intended to give one the power of judgment, and men pay big money for sound judgment in every walk of life. But, aside from the sordid business of money-making, it will teach you how to live and die. And that's what counts.

119. I never read the Bulletin, but I would like to know the difference between presumption and despair?

Ans. The difference is the same as that between the North and South Poles. They are the sins opposed to the virtue of Hope -- presumption by excess, despair by defect. You have heard that every vice is a virtue gone wrong, by excess or defect.

120. Are we to believe in the literal sense that the whale swallowed Jonas?

Ans. Our Blessed Lord accepted it in the literal sense, for He gave it as a type of His own Resurrection, which was literal.

121. What makes Catholic boys take the Name of God in vain?

Ans. The presumption of their child minds.

122. Why is an Italian usually chosen Pope?

Ans. Because Italians make good Popes.

123. Would you advise a fellow to marry a girl who is a good Catholic and good home girl but has only a public school education?

Ans. He might take her to raise -- intellectually -- by supplying her with the books he would want his wife to have read. He is lucky to get a good Catholic home girl.

124. What is an aid for overcoming a dislike for going to confession?

Ans. Have an open, frank talk with a priest about it. It works wonders.