

Religious Bulletin

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Should You Send A Fathers' Day Card?

A says his father is a non-Catholic and he cannot send him a card. Perhaps he can't, but he shouldn't conclude too readily that he can't. The fact that he is not a Catholic does not mean too certainly that he doesn't appreciate prayers or know what they mean. But whether you send the card or not, make the Novena for him.

B's father is dead. He can still pray for him, and the card sent to his mother will give her the satisfaction of knowing that B is still fulfilling the filial duty of praying for the repose of his father's soul.

C failed to start the Novena on time. He can begin tomorrow and carry over nine days; pledges as well as accomplished facts can be entered on the Spiritual Bouquet-- but don't fail to keep your pledges.

The Chalice.

The chalice pictured on Tuesday's Bulletin has been ordered from France. It will take some time for the execution of the design, but it is likely that the chalice will be here before the end of school. A cable received yesterday announced that it would be shipped May 15.

You were told that the Blessed Sacrament design there pictured is taken from Raphael. The original picture is a colossal thing; it covers the entire front wall of a circular church in Rome. Our copy shows only the central portion of this picture. It hangs above the Altar of Relics, which is located in the third alcove on the Epistle side of the church.

The Easier Way To Learn.

Yesterday's Bulletin gave you four examples of the hard way to learn that liquor and impurity are dangerous companions. The easier way to learn it is to take it on authority -- the authority of your parents, your school, your Church, your God. Only a fool will fly in the face of such authority.

It is asserted that in a nearby city not long ago a negro died rather suddenly in a blind pig as a result of drinking poison liquor, while four other men were saved from a like fate only by the prompt application of strenuous measures. If you have followed James O'Donnell Bennett's illuminating articles of Gangland in the Chicago Tribune, you have learned that wood alcohol is not the only poisonous matter to be found in bootleg alky -- that the mash examined and analyzed by the Chicago Police Department was always found to be filthy, and that dead rats, attracted by the smell of grain and drowned in the vats, were almost always present.

If the school protects you from such poison, you have every reason to be grateful. Thanks be to God we have not had to mourn the loss of any student through poison liquor (the University of Vermont is reported to be having an investigation of the use of liquor by students as the result of such a tragedy); and if either the use of the Sacraments or the strict application of discipline have been able to keep you from death's door via the alky route, you and your folks can be grateful.

"The Church Forbids It."

Complaints come from students that they can't see this or that item in the Church's regulations. If they are Catholics they don't have to see the sense in it -- all they have to do is obey. When they grow older and wiser they will learn that the Church has her full share of common sense as well as divine authority.

PRAYERS: Robert Hurley, of Morrissey Hall, lost his father. Three special intentions.