
First Friday.

Holy Communion on the First Friday of each month is offered by Catholics in reparation for the Sacred Heart for the irreverence, neglect, and offenses of mankind. The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day has the same motive.

Confessions will be heard during the 6:30 Mass in the church, but you are urged to go to confession this evening to make sure.

Charity.

On Tuesday morning of this week the students from Perth Amboy attended a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of their fellow-townsmen, Orlando Pucci, and on Wednesday morning the Metropolitan Club attended Mass in the Sorin Chapel for the repose of the soul of Jos. Nugent's mother. This is good example as well as sound Catholic charity.

The Wolf Child.

The wolf child is one of the most ancient and honorable characters of fiction. He is the misfit, the homo rabiens who finds himself out of type in polite society. We find him in life as often as in fiction; in life he has the advantage of us more than in fiction, in that we may have to live with him, suffer from him, and save our souls through him.

The wolf child we find at Notre Dame may be a product of disorderly home life, or he may be a throwback from a wild ancestor; more often, however, he is a sad case of arrested mental development. For the first group there is hope in kind treatment: a gradual appreciation of the better things of life can be built up. The second group may be cowed by severe measures; even the savage beast may be tamed. For the third group there is little hope; there is nothing to work on.

The impolite vocabulary of the misfit will show to which type he belongs, and the unhappy representative of this third group can always be spotted by his constant employment of the little filthy words the child learns before he attains the use of reason. Arrested mental development is a pitiable condition, but incurable without a miracle. Its victims may learn to do sums and draw pictures that will get his senior standing in college, but there is no prospect of his ever becoming civilized.

The Index.

The pamphlet rack now has a supply of Betton's "The Roman Index of Forbidden Books." This booklet is a discussion of the work of the Roman Congregation of the Index, with a brief and very incomplete list of books on the Index that may come to the attention of the American reader. The list is by no means adequate. There is a complete Index of Forbidden Books on file in the Reference Room in the Library.

The Natural Law forbids the reading of any harmful book. The law of the Church makes more specific just what constitutes harmful reading, and for greater security of the faithful makes a list of books in which the error is more or less hidden, if these books gain international prominence. All a Catholic has to do is obey.

Prayers.

Paul Johnson, '26, and his brother Karl, '29, ask prayers for their sister who died Tuesday evening -- a martyr to motherhood. Five special intentions.