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Still More Objections To Daily Communion.

18. "My companions don't go."

Ans. Is there a police order against your choosing different companions? One very elementary test of character is choice of companions. Suppose you meet a sudden end, as Bob Driscoll did; will those companions help you then? -- You can find anything you look for in the way of companionship at Notre Dame - from the best to the worst. Why do the worst come here? That's a problem. Some of them respond to the call of the Holy Ghost and become of the best; others become worse than they were before by virtue of the graces they resist. The story of their later life is usually an unlovely one.

19. "I can't keep it up when I get out of school."

Ans. Some do; some don't. It lies pretty much with the individual, at least in cities. But suppose you can't. If you were offered \$100,000 a year to be president of a corporation for four years, would you turn it down because you couldn't keep it up after four years? Or would you salt it away for the four years and let the later rainy days take care of themselves? You can store up graces just as you can save money -- better than that, for if you lose your money once it doesn't come back, but if you lose the state of grace, when you recover it you recover all the merit that was washed out when you fell into mortal sin.

20. "Nobody gets me up in the morning."

Ans. That can be arranged. What's your room number?

21. "I am afraid it will become a habit."

Ans. You could have worse habits. But don't think that a state of ecstasy on your part is essential to the validity of the Sacrament. Like the other Sacraments, the Holy Eucharist works ex opere operato, which means that its principal fruit comes from the Sacrament itself, and not from the dispositions of the recipient. The subject of the Sacrament must place no obstacle to grace, of course; but just as the baptism of an infant produces its effects of grace and infused virtue without the subject being conscious of them, and the anointing of an unconscious man produces its effects, so does the reception of Holy Eucharist work in the soul in which there is no obstacle. Grace is increased, of course, by the prayers and dispositions of the recipient of Holy Communion (or ex opere operantis), but the great fruit of the Sacrament comes from Christ Himself working within you.

Go while you have the chance. If the going gets tough, ask a priest for suggestions. He will suggest thoughts and reading matter that will keep up your devotion.

22. "I am a fool."

Ans. O.K. Are you willing to remain one, or do you want to get something out of your college education?

23. "When I went daily I grew more lax all the time."

Ans. That's a case for the pamphlet Perseverance. Look it up at the rack and let it point out what's wrong with you.

For The Team at 12:30.

Rosary Devotions at 12:30 today, followed by enrollment in the Miraculous Medal.  
Rosary Devotions tomorrow at 1:30 and at 7:15; Benediction at 7:30 tomorrow.

Prayers.

Pray that this week-end will pass without an accident. An uncle of John Hoyt died Wednesday. Four special intentions. A friend hurt in an auto accident.