
"If Thy Right Eye Scandalize Thee, Pluck It Out."

Merciful to sinners, to an unbelievable degree, Our Blessed Lord was merciless with sin and rigid and unbending with regard to penance and to occasions of sin. He warned especially against the sin of presumption, which one incurs when he sins with the expectation of forgiveness, or when he refuses to give up an occasion of sin.

"If thy right eye scandalize thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee. For it is expedient for thee that one of thy members should perish, rather than thy whole body be cast into hell.

"And if thy right hand scandalize thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is expedient for thee that one of thy members should perish, rather than thy whole body go into hell." -- Matt. V, 30, 31.

The burden of giving up an occasion of sin lies with the penitent. If the confessor does not warn the penitent that he must give up an occasion of sin, it may be because he concludes that the penitent knows his duty, and this is a reasonable presumption in the case of Catholic college men -- or it should be.

No Christmas Present For Fr. Barron?

Last Sunday's collection did not amount to \$150, so there was no surplus to give to Father Barron. We should not let that happen. You don't need to feel that you have been hard hit with charities lately; eighty per cent of the money collected for the North Carolina fund last week came from outsiders, not from students. You have not done so much that you can neglect an appeal for one of your number who has had the nerve to face exile, cold, ignorance, indifference, and even the prospect of martyrdom.... to show Notre Dame spirit in Korea. Let's have fifty dollars for Fr. Barron before the end of the week, so that he can have it by Christmas.

Oxen.

Dumb tricks observed at Mass last Sunday:

1. One man puts on his hat at the Agnus Dei, walks twenty feet to the door, and is through for the day;
2. One dozen \$25,000-a-year men decide they've had enough and stampede five minutes before the congregation leaves the High Mass;
3. One thousand come late to Mass.

The usual explanation for such lack of intelligence (to say nothing of manners) is that their mothers dropped them when they were babies, but it is getting harder to believe that there were that many careless mothers twenty years ago.

Lost Rosaries.

These should be returned to the Prefect of Religion when they are found. There are six rosaries in his office now awaiting their owners.

Back Numbers of the Bulletin.

These are at the pamphlet rack, in case you wish to fill out a file. There are still plenty of copies of the issue of November 10, with the picture of the Sorin chapel. In anticipation of a heavy demand, plenty of extras were struck off.

PRAYERS: Larry Furlong, of Freshman Hall, underwent an operation yesterday.