

Religious Bulletin

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How About Joining The Church Again?

The longer you wait the more unhappy you will be about it. Every neglected opportunity is a source of regret -- at least after you come to your senses. There are many priests here who are in communion with the Holy See; they can give you absolution and you can return to the happy practice of daily Communion.

An Admirable Initiative.

Just as the Notre Dame Club of New Jersey did something worth while when it inaugurated the annual retreat for its members, the Notre Dame Club of Toledo has set a good example to the alumni organizations in other places by a decision to have their monthly meeting at a Communion breakfast. (The fact that the Cathedral burned down the night before their first monthly meeting will not deter them in the least; it is an active club, and there are other churches in Toledo.)

An Interesting Conversion.

The Religious Bulletin finds more inspiration usually in the sports section than on the society page, but last Sunday's Chicago Tribune told the interesting story of a conversion -- and since everything is grist that comes to this mill, it will bear re-telling here:

Mrs. John E. May, wife of a Chicago broker, went to Europe last summer. On the boat she made the acquaintance of the Prince of Bearn, counsellor of the French Embassy in Washington, who was returning to France to follow his annual custom of spending three months as a stretcher-bearer for the sick at Lourdes. When he told her of this, her curiosity was sufficiently aroused to cause her to detour to Lourdes on her way to the shore at Biarritz.

She never reached the sea-coast on that trip. After an hour or so in town she registered with the nuns as a nurse. She carried meals to the sick and washed dishes three times daily. Then, finding time on her hands, she went to the Duchess of Vendome, who had charge of the bathing establishment, and added to her other duties the charge of lowering the sick into the healing waters of the pool. These and other menial duties engaged her time for months.

Through what she did and what she saw the grace of God wrought her conversion. She was received into the Catholic Church recently at the Long Island convent of the Conaclo (the estate given to the Sisters by Claude Adams).

Echoes of the Past Season.

An editorial in the Catholic Columbian, of Columbus, Ohio, defends the linking of prayer and football, and shows some of the effects this has had during the past few years at Notre Dame..... A case in point came in yesterday through a letter which stated: "I think that the example of the good Catholic athletes at Notre Dame have contributed to my young brother's return to the Church."..... The Pittsburgh Catholic carries the story of a lady of 75 who read every line in that paper for 50 years; and read the sports news as a penance when a sports department was added. Notre Dame finally captured her interest so much that she followed the radio broadcast of every game, including the comments which followed -- and now she is mad as a hornet at Grantland Rice for his All-American selections. That's more religion for you.

PRAYERS: Two relatives of Philip Brendenact are very ill. Robert Filson's mother is ill. A nephew of Mrs. Lockne was painfully injured a few days ago. Francis Shannon, a student in 1925-26, died last week. A friend of a student died a few days ago. Norbert D'Avignon has left school to undergo treatment following a serious auto accident during the holidays. Four special intentions.