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The Blessing Of Throats.

The blessing of St. Blaise will be given in the Sorin chapel all morning (except during the ten minutes between classes, when all the time is needed for the Sacraments), and again at 12:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. In the hall chapels the rectors will announce the time of the blessing.

Accomodate yourselves to these abundant opportunities, and do not come asking for favors when priests have many other tasks to perform. Be considerate.

Why You Should STUDY Your Religion.

Cardinal Newman's advice to the Catholic colleges in England must have been heeded by the students of his time, for in that country we find a virility among the Catholic laity which makes us ashamed of ourselves. Here is the ideal he proposed to them:

"What I desiderate in Catholics is the gift of bringing out what they are, what their religion is.

"I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know just what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, and who know enough history to defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity....

"I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relations of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases of Catholicism, and where lie the main inconsistencies of the Protestant theory....

"In all times the laity have been the measure of Catholicism."

America is not Catholic today because Catholics do not know their religion and do not make it the full measure of their lives.

Suppose every Catholic in the United States were a daily Communicant, and lived the life of a daily communicant. How long would it take the decent people of this country to conclude from Catholic life to the principles behind that life?

Suppose every Catholic in the United States knew his religion as well as he should to answer the reasonable questions of those in his own state of life. How long would the old slanders live?

The reception accorded the recent Encyclical on Marriage is sufficient evidence that the non-Catholic world is looking for authority in moral questions -- an authority higher than any constituted merely "by consent of the governed." When reason runs amok -- as it has from Voltaire to Lindsey -- there must be resort to authority. If Catholics will only show, by good example and by knowledge of their religion, what authority means in their lives, non-Catholics will not be slow to follow the way of truth.

Prayers.

Leo Michuda, '29, lost his mother last week. Richard Delaney may have to undergo an operation as a result of complications from pneumonia. Five special intentions.