
The Met. Club Catches The Idea.

While yesterday's Bulletin was in process of delivery through the halls Monday night, the Metropolitan Club met and collected dues. After the meeting a delegation came to the office with the proceeds - fifteen dollars. The money was for the poor. A more prompt and efficacious answer to the appeal of the Holy Father could not be expected. A member of the Club who had not attended the meeting next came in with a dollar for Fr. Barron. These contributions, added to \$25 received from one student, and a dollar apiece from three others, give us something to work on. But most of this money has already been spent for the relief of the poor, and more is needed.

But There Must Be Prayer.

Almsgiving is not the only need of this crisis - in fact, it might well be called the lesser need. There can be no doubt that the depression is a Divine visitation: the world has larger crops and more money than ever before, yet millions are suffering from undernourishment or even starvation. We don't have to look far for the cause. Go back to your catechism: see which sins cry to heaven for vengeance. They are:

1. Wilful murder. Present disregard for human life is appalling. In addition to the public crimes which fill our daily papers, there is the particularly loathsome practice of murdering unborn infants. One physician states that 1,250,000 abortions are performed in the United States every year; he mentions no sources of information, and it is thought that his figures are grossly exaggerated, but it is well known that the crime is widespread. This means that the mark of Cain is on untold thousands of unnatural mothers, degraded fathers, and beastly physicians. And if any blood cries to heaven for vengeance, it is certainly the blood of unbaptized infants.

2. Unnatural lusts. One example of the wantonness of the campaign against the sacredness of family life is enough: A publishers' circular to professors advertising a nauseating book against morals contains this announcement: "As I feel sure you will want to adopt this book for class use, I am enclosing a special order card...." Does that cry to heaven for vengeance?

3. Oppressing the poor, the widows and orphans. Millions of "small depositors" have lost everything in bank failures that resulted from crooked banking; fake oil companies and other blue sky organizations, with loan sharks, fatten on the lean bones of the poor; racketeers run charity games for the poor and pocket the proceeds; even the "respectable" social relief organizations are "suspect" because so many of them run mostly to "overhead;" padded payrolls in city halls eat up the widow's little home but bear lightly on the rich.

4. Defrauding laborers of their wages. Had the living wage and the profit-sharing bonus been as popular as the stock dividend during the years of plenty there would have been a wider distribution of wealth; had the "living wage" included amply provision for the family, there would not be the so-called "economic argument" in birth-control propaganda, hence there would have been more consumers.

Only prayer and sacrifice can stay the wrath of God when sins cry to heaven for vengeance. "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God... and they cried with a loud voice saying: How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and revenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?... and it was said to them that they should rest for a little time, till their fellow-servants and their brethren, who are to be slain, even as they, should be filled up." -Apoc. vi, 6-9.

PRAYERS: Richard Hostony underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday. Five special intentions. Jos. Pilon, a sophomore last year, writes that his father is not expected to live. Two deceased friends of students.