

# University of Notre Dame Religious Bulletin

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## Objections to Daily Communion --- II

"It's pretty cold these mornings."

ANSWER. Yes, and it was pretty cold in Bethlehem the night Christ was born in a stable.

"I get breakfast where I stay."

ANSWER. That's all very nice, and if it is relatively more important than Holy Communion, it is a valid excuse. Some people are easily satisfied; their spiritual wants are few. When with age the mind opens up, however, there may be many vain regrets.

"I always lose out on week-ends."

ANSWER. The official ecclesiastical name for Sunday is *Dies Dominica*, the Lord's Day. Are you so wedded to the world's ideas that the Lord can't have His day, the only one of the seven He demands of us? Did it ever occur to you that the Devil invented Saturday night when people started to go to Communion on Sunday morning? Do you consider a night club or a dance more important than the Bread of Life? There is a Night Club for people who prefer creatures (and "creature comforts") to God, and it is eternal night there: "The fool remains forever, and the April comes no more," as Chesterton puts it.

"I don't believe in daily Communion. These fellows who go daily are hypocrites."

ANSWER. Easy, easy! "Judge not, lest you be judged." If you don't believe in daily Communion, you set yourself up as knowing more than the Pope, which is just a bit rash for a young man in college. And if you call a man a hypocrite simply because, for the cure of his daily faults, he takes the divinely-ordained medicine for those faults, you put yourself in the class of those who condemned Our Lord for eating and drinking with sinners.

Do you recall the story of the woman taken in adultery? She was brought to Our Lord to be condemned; she went away forgiven. She was left at the feet of Our Lord, unaccused, because when Christ said, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone," He stooped and wrote in the sand; and when her accusers saw Him write there the secret sins they had committed, "they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest."

"I swear too much."

ANSWER. Most swearing, even in the courtroom nowadays, is "too much." Did it ever occur to you that a man who has free will may also learn to exercise self-control? Did you ever happen to think that every lack of self-control makes a man less a man? It is true theologically, of course, that slips that come of habit are not imputed as sins if one is making an earnest effort to correct the habit; but there is something missing in a man's makeup if he cannot correct the habit of profanity. See a priest for suggestions. You would cut it out if it cost you a dollar a word.

"I have a fear of confession."

ANSWER. Listen—it's been years since any priest shot a penitent for what he told him. This is a good place to get your fears knocked out of you. Go to a priest and tell him of these fears; leave it up to him to get them out of your system.

"I am ashamed to go to confession so soon again."

ANSWER. Do you mean that when you have committed one mortal sin you would rather pile up more so that that one won't look so big? Your experience has probably shown you that once the state of grace is lost it is much easier to commit other sins. Why not use common sense and recover the state of grace immediately if you fall?

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### PRAYERS

Roger Healy wires that his father died Saturday. Watts Eicher, a former student and secretary at the University, asks prayers for his deceased grandmother, and for his grandfather who is not expected to live. The father of Cornelius O'Neil, a student here two years ago, died recently. The mother of Charles Shelansky, '27, is ill. A deceased friend of a student. Dick Hiber's grandfather is ill. Masses Thursday: By request of the Junior Class, at 6:35 in the church, for the repose of the soul of Frank Slough's brother; at 6:25 in Sorin, for the repose of the soul of Ed Barry's father. John J. Collins was called home to Cleveland last night by the serious illness of his sister. Four special intentions.