

Bad Debts Novena
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Questions From The Questionnaire.

25. Why must we have "isms"?
- Ans. Because man has a free will, and so many men can't say, "Thy will be done," because they are sure that their own way is so much better than God's way.
26. Tell us how to go to heaven.
- Ans. "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments."
27. Why are morning and night prayer compulsory?
- Ans. They aren't. No one is forcing you to pray. As a matter of discipline, the rules demand your presence in the chapel, the place of assembly, morning and evening - to assure prompt rising in the morning, and settling down to study in the evening. The halls that have the best attendance at these exercises usually have the best scholastic records. - Catholics with an ounce of love of God in them will not refuse to pray when they are thus assembled, knowing that Our Lord blessed public prayer more than private devotion when He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of you." (However, there are nominal Catholics who have not even an ounce of love of God visible in their attitudes.)
28. Is the keeping of athletic equipment (minor things) o.k.?
- Ans. In the Seventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," we find no exception made of athletic equipment, either minor or major.
29. Why the strict discipline?
- Ans. You wouldn't understand if we told you.
30. What are the Indulgences of the Way of the Cross?
- Ans. By a recent decree all previous indulgences attached to the Way of the Cross were abrogated, and the following ones substituted: 1. A plenary indulgence as often as the stations are made, even if more than once on the same day; 2. A second plenary indulgence to be gained in addition to the first one, if Holy Communion has been received on that day. 3. A partial indulgence of ten years and ten quarantines if the stations are begun and are interrupted for a reasonable cause and not finished. 4. A plenary indulgence if made ten times and Holy Communion received within a month. Those who are detained by illness or other reasonable cause from making the stations in a church may gain the indulgence by holding a crucifix blessed for that purpose and reciting twenty Paters, Aves and Glorias; the sick who cannot pray may gain the indulgences by kissing the crucifix or even by simply looking at it.
31. How does it happen that those who break the rules, neglect the Sacraments, and are a general liability seem to get along as well as those who do what they should?
- Ans. 1. Your catechism tells you that you should "never envy the wicked their seeming prosperity in this world;" God "maketh His sun to shine on the good and bad, and raineth upon the just and unjust." 2. You seldom know anything of the background of disorderly home life that may give the clue to the careless conduct of slackers; but God knows those things, and His patience is extended in liberal measure to those who "never had a chance" before. 3. After you have spent four years at Notre Dame you will discover that not many students "get away with it" for four years. The present seniors could tell you many stories of the "end of the rope" that was reached by students who were "getting by" in the freshman year. A few senior kettles have boiled over this year; there may be more - who knows?
- MASSSES SUNDAY: 7:00, for Bill Dockman, Karl's brother (eighth anniversary).
6:00, 8:00, 9:00, and another (private) Mass, for your fathers.
- PRAYERS: Deceased - The father of Paul Leuken, '28; the grandfathers of Jos. and Norbert Toussaint, E.L. and J.R. Barrett; the mother of Bob Gavin, '27; an uncle of Thos. Cody, '31; a friend. Four special intentions.