

Will YOUR Mother
be happy on
Mother's Day?

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1741 students
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Bankruptcy.

It isn't good form to discuss one's financial standing these days, but this is by way of warning: if the Bulletin fails to appear one of these days it will be because the sheriff has walked off with the typewriter - the only tangible asset in the office that would bring more than two cents at a rummage sale. The pamphlet rack is \$354 in the red, and prospects for a balance are slim. The expenses of the pamphlet rack should be met by your contributions through the rack and the Sunday collections (except the third each month, which goes to Bengal). The average Sunday contribution per student is less than three cents; five dollars is a big week for the mite boxes at the rack. The University bears the whole cost of the Bulletin - you should at least balance the pamphlet account.

Questions From The Questionnaire.

75. a) Would the Church permit abortion in the Massie case? b) When justice breaks down, isn't a man justified in taking the law in his own hands?

Ans. a) She couldn't. She cannot change the law of nature, which always condemns the murder of an innocent person. If inconvenience or embarrassment is cause enough for the murder of an unborn child, why isn't it cause enough for the murder of an inconvenient husband or wife? b) No. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord." Human justice may fall down; divine justice never does. You cannot make a mistake when you leave justice in the hands of God.

76. What is the Church's teaching regarding the sterilization of habitual criminals or mental defectives?

Ans. Volumes have been written on both sides of that question. Fr. Vermeersch, S.J., one of the ablest living theologians, in his new brochure, "What is Marriage?" - a catechism based on the Encyclical, "Casti Connubii," says: "The Encyclical does not pronounce on these questions. It does not intend either to approve or to condemn such measures. Our own humble opinion would be for the negative, at least for the present time, for the reason that this type of punishment is repugnant to our penal system which does not favor corporal punishments directly and positively applied, such as whipping." He adds: "According to the Encyclical 'Casti Connubii' such persons should often be advised not to marry; but if they are otherwise capable of marrying, they cannot be charged with grave sin in neglecting this advice."

77. How can one make an appointment with the Prefect of Religion for advice?

Ans. His room is 141 Sorin. Rap on the door, or if you have tender knuckles, walk in without knocking. If you want to start the discussion in the confessional, following are the hours: 6:00-7:00 a.m., Basement chapel; 7:00-12:00, Sorin chapel; 6:15-7:00 p.m., Dillon chapel; 7:30- Sophomore chapel; 8:00-9:30, Sorin chapel (ring the bell).

78. Why doesn't the Church change her idea on birth control? I know of cases where it must be practiced.

Ans. How can she? Christ gave her her teaching authority and told her what to teach: "All things whatsoever I have commanded you." If you hold that birth control must be practiced (except by continence) you are not a Catholic; you have rejected the divinity of the Church.

79. An explanation of how God can be everywhere.

Ans. If there were some place where He were not, His Divine Nature would be limited, He would not be infinite.

80. What is the Church's attitude towards Communism?

Ans. It approves of the communal life of religious orders. It condemns all communism that opposes any of the fundamental rights of man - private property, monogamy and family life, and the like.

PRAYERS: Wm. Hoffert's grandmother was in an accident recently. A sick friend. Three