
Is Your Father A Catholic?

If he isn't, what are you doing to gain for him the grace of faith? It's your duty, you know, to work towards that end. If he has been good enough to see that you get a Catholic education, even though he is not of the faith (or has fallen away from the practice of religion), the best way you can show your gratitude is to do him the same good turn.

How? By prayer and example. He is not blind. If he sees that your religion is keeping you out of the pitfalls that ensnare the sons of his acquaintances, he gives credit where it is due, and thanks God that you have religion for a guiding force in life. The example of friends is powerful; the example of a devoted wife or husband is more powerful still; but the example of one's own sons and daughters means more than anything else nowadays to a man who knows the world and the snares it lays for youth.

But prayer is more powerful than example, especially prayer that is accompanied by sacrifice. Fast from this or that, restrain impulses as a mortification, accept crosses with humility - take it on the chin like a man. Even though your father never learns of these things (in this world), God is moved by them to grant the grace you seek so earnestly in prayer. And for prayer this week, make the...

Church Unity Octave.

The universal Church now celebrates this eight-day prayer for unity, which was started by Father Paul and his Anglican community at Graymoor, near Garrison, N.Y., and which resulted, first in the conversion of this whole community, and then in thousands of conversions throughout the world. Father Paul has lived to see his Franciscans of the Atonement a flourishing Catholic community; and through his magazine, The Lamp, he has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for foreign missions of other communities.

Hand In the Names.

At Notre Dame we have a local custom of placing on the altar the names of persons for whom we wish the grace of faith, recommending them in this way to the prayers of the students who make the Church Unity Octave, and bringing them to the attention of the priest who celebrates eight Masses for Church Unity. (Last year ten conversions were reported of persons whose names had been handed in for these prayers.)

How To Make The Octave.

The Octave begins Wednesday, the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, and ends on Wednesday of the following week, the feast of St. Paul's Conversion. Include the intentions of the Octave in your Holy Communion of these days, and say the little prayer of the Octave, which you will find at the pamphlet rack. (The particular intentions for each day are listed on the back of the prayer slip.) If you prefer a prayer of your own use it. Suit yourself. But say a prayer for this intention every day.

What About Your Mother?

Include any non-Catholic relatives or friends; hand in at least five names. Your father was mentioned instead of your mother, because non-Catholic fathers of students outnumber non-Catholic mothers 5 to 1, according to the latest Religious Survey.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Bishop Gilfillan; the fathers of Joe Walsh, '26, and Tom Lupton, ex-'32; relatives of Geo. Bolgor, Fred Erdle, and Norbert Clancy, '25. Ill - Paul Kinsella and Chas. Quinn (appendicitis); Trainer Eugene Young's mother; Maurice Rigganti's brother; Bernard McGovern's mother; a relatives of Chas. Farris; a friend of a student (heart attack). Six special intentions.