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"Beacons Less Remote."

Students guilty of the anomaly of praying for success in examinations and then carrying a crib to exams should meditate on these lines from "My Sins of Omission":

"I accuse myself of having had no profound belief in the efficacy of prayer - of having believed in prayer only with my nerves, under the pressure of anguish and as a means in despair - of having prayed without fervour and simply not to make an enemy of God so long as I could rely upon my own resources, my calculations and my chances.

"I accuse myself of having sought Providence almost exclusively in my own activity - of not having realized that if my action is to be strong, successful and useful, God must build the house and watch over the city - of not having realized that those who pray do more for the world than those who work, and that Joshua is overcome with faintness in the fight, when the outstretched arms of Moses grow weary in prayer.

"I accuse myself of not having given an effort of prayer the first place in my apostolate - of not having first enlisted the co-operation of God and His Saints - of not having sought, before all other resources, the spiritual riches which I might have derived from the treasury of universal prayer and infinite merits.

"If ever I solicited the heavenly Donors, I did so with less precaution and zeal than more visible benefactors.

"If ever I implored light from on high, I did so with the resolve to enlighten myself immediately by beacons less remote.

"In the matter of establishing an enterprise or conquering a soul, I accuse myself of having trusted entirely to my own arguments, my own logic and my talent for persuasion, or again to the timely intervention of able intermediaries, leaving God only to back my request - or even turning to Him merely in order that He should hasten a victory which was slow in coming - and giving Him credit only so far as other instruments failed.

"I accuse myself of not having realized that by prayer I might have rendered audible to certain hearts words which no tongue can utter - the only words which do not betray my secret soul because they are not themselves betrayed by their poverty of expression and accent - because the sound does not pervert the sense.

"I accuse myself of not having given God time to act when I prayed and of having hastened immediately to His rescue with a prodigious fuss. I accuse myself, finally, of not having realized that prayer must obey laws of supernatural nature and be able to wait, without exasperation or passivity, for the bursting forth of the seed sown in the eternal heart of God."

The 7:20 Mass Daily.

Not so many students are aware of the fact (advertised on the calendar) that there is a daily Mass in the Dillon Hall chapel at 7:20. It offers an excellent chance for a real thanksgiving after the morning Holy Communion. -- Another fact that has missed the attention of many is that confessions are heard every morning before breakfast - the basement chapel has two confessors at this time and the Sorin chapel one. -- Dumb play No. 3 is the popular ignorance of the fact that confessions are heard from 6:15 till 7:00 every evening in the basement and Dillon Hall chapels.

PRAYERS: A telegram from Wm. Knox states that his mother is not expected to live; she and Mr. Knox were injured in an auto accident. A sister of Fred Armington is ill. Four special intentions.