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Funeral at Eight.

Brother Martin's funeral will be held tomorrow morning. The Office of the Dead will begin at 8:00; the Mass will follow at 8:20. Students who are free from class at 8:00 should try to attend this Mass.

For The Next to Die.

The Mass for the next one of us to die will be said in the Brownson Memorial Chapel tomorrow morning at 6:00. You are requested to remember this intention in your own Holy Communion tomorrow.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

4. Why was Saturday picked as Mass day?

Ans. Because Saturday is the Blessed Virgin's day, and this is her school.

5. What is true happiness and how may it be obtained?

Ans. The only happiness that completely fills the soul is the knowledge and love of God that comes with the Beatific Vision. It is obtained by dying in the state of grace. The nearest approach to happiness in this life is living in the state of grace, and in conformity to the Will of God.

6. It seems a silly question, but whom did the sons of Adam and Eve marry?

Ans. It would be just as silly to ask who were the husbands of Adam's daughters. See Genesis, 5:4. No serious scientist questions the unity of the human race. That could be secured only by a divine dispensation for brothers and sisters to marry. There is no longer any need for such a dispensation.

7. Please give us a classification of sins which students are likely to commit.

Ans. You will find them listed in any good prayer book. Have you one?

8. Considering the number of Catholics and the extent of Catholic education, why can't we have powerful, united Catholic Action?

Ans. Because too many Catholics are drawn away by the spirit of the world. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is increasing Catholic courage. One of these days.....

9. What does swearing include?

Ans. Swearing is taking an oath - calling God to witness that we speak the truth or that we mean to keep a promise. Taking a false oath is perjury. (There are other sins against the Second Commandment, however: taking God's Name in vain, cursing, blaspheming.)

10. Is it contrition of a kind good enough for confession if you would like to be good because someone you know is good?

Ans. If that Some One is God, it is. The highest form of contrition is based on the love of God because He is so good in Himself. If a human being is meant, it is not.

11. Don't you think some books should be taken off the Index so that their literary value might be appreciated?

Ans. That's for the Church to say. Father Cavanaugh remarked, years ago: "No man can read an author for his style without absorbing some of his philosophy." (This argument, by the way, is usually advanced by callow youths who have no more idea of style than a Hottentot has of the correct thing to wear.)

PRAYERS: Deceased - the father of Paul Donovan, '10; a relative of Bro. Roman, C.S.C. Ill - John Kiener, '32, is threatened with a long stay in the hospital with after-effects of flu; Andy Pilney's mother; the grandfather of Wm. P. McCarthy; the father of a friend. Two thanksgivings and three special intentions.