
Questions From the Questionnaire.

12. Why should a person belonging to no religion, but believing in God and leading as nearly perfect a life as he can, be lost because he can see no necessity of Baptism? How can he be convinced that Baptism is necessary for salvation?

Ans. 1 - Father Hudson used to speak of "the uncovenanted mercies of God," meaning the salvation that came to those good people who, apparently, never received the special gift of faith, but who led strict lives according to conscience, and by such lives received Baptism of Desire.

2 - For a man who believes in God, Father Scott's book, "Credentials of Christianity", may be the pathway to belief in the Divinity of Christ - and if a man believes in the Divinity of Christ he must take Christ's word for it that Baptism is necessary.

3 - Prayer is the great essential in gaining for one the gift of faith. Did you put your father's name on the altar during the Church Unity Octave? (One senior who did so for the past four years reports that his father came into the Church Easter Saturday.)

13. Is it good for a freshman to go steady with some girl?

Ans. Yes, if she steadies him. (The answer is usually no.)

14. How can I receive Holy Communion daily without falling into routine?

Ans. 1. By hearing Mass daily; 2. By making other acts of mortification; 3. By spiritual reading; 4. By meditation; 5. By spiritual counsel outside of confession.

15. How can it be contended that a person who goes wrong must be dumb?

Ans. Sin is always stupid. Our purpose in life is to go to heaven. Placing obstacles in our own way on the path to heaven can hardly be called wise.

16. Where can a student who knows absolutely nothing about religion learn about it?

Ans. Ask any priest. He will give you a start, without any obligation on your part (except such as your conscience suggests). Call at 141 Sorin or 117 Dillon for further suggestions.

17. Where can one obtain advice as to his vocation in life?

Ans. From any priest. If you are not acquainted with any priest, ask the Prefect of Religion for a letter of introduction.

18. To whom should one pray to stop drinking if he doesn't care to stop?

Ans. To St. Jude, Helper in Desperate Cases.

19. Why shouldn't I marry a non-Catholic girl if we love each other truly?

Ans. Better ask the alumni that one. Read the sections on Marriage and Family Life in the two surveys of the alumni. (Both are at the Pamphlet Rack.)

20. Why do they separate Catholic boys and girls when they are so opposed to mixed marriages?

Ans. Men and women are not equals; they are complements to each other. Each needs education according to his or her abilities. Coeducation has ignored this fundamental difference in nature and, as O.O. McIntyre says, "has certainly botched things up." If you will hold your heart in leash until you are able to marry and support a family, you will save yourself much grief. An editorial writer in the Chicago Tribune looked over the arguments some years ago, and summed up his opinion as follows: "Coeducation, if any, for girls; but for men, four years among men."

THIRD SUNDAY: 9:00, Mass of Exposition; collection for the Bengal Mission; Notre Dame Indulgence (plenary) for those who receive the Sacraments.