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Mr. McCormack's Mission.

Soon after singing "Panis Angelicus" in a recent radio broadcast John McCormack, LL.D. '33, famous tenor, received this letter from a fan:

"I often sang 'Panis Angelicus' but of course in different melodies. Wouldn't even remember how to sing it, but the words all came back to me, and with it, all sorts of memories. Made me realize how devout I was then - would never think of missing Mass on Sundays or Holy Days. But how different now. Can almost class myself with the heathens.

"Your singing, Mr. McCormack, no doubt thrilled many a heart but I doubt if it ever converted one, because I decided last night beginning next Sunday I shall go to Mass again, and try once more to be as I used to be, and you may be assured that you will be the first one I will pray for, because it is you who have brought me back after about 12 years.

"Here's hoping for your continued success. I hope I will hear you over the air for a long time yet, as I never had the pleasure of seeing or hearing you on the stage."

Sweet Adversity.

Not long ago a certain B. Gordon Byron wrote of himself as follows in Survey Graphic:

"It should not surprise anyone to learn that those who are weary and heavy laden have turned to the Great Comforter for solace. I speak only for myself, but I suspect that this feeling is widespread.

"Until the depression I had not entered a church since my marriage 12 years ago. While I was brought up a strict Methodist, I find comfort today in the Sacrifice of the Mass of the Catholic Church, of which I am not a member.

"There is a wonderful stability, a sense of permanence about the Catholic Church which contrasts dramatically with the over-shifting, crazy world around us. It offers a quiet haven to those of us who are weary of the storm. After church on Sunday, the winning of material success, or the present lack of it, seems entirely unimportant to one who has been an humble witness of the Supreme Sacrifice."

Use The Leaflet Missals.

Leaflet Missals are placed in the vestibule of the church every Sunday to help you follow the Mass with intelligent appreciation. Use them.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

72. Why does the Bulletin insist on the practical value of a wife,

Ans. Certainly not for any selfish reason. Cut your own throat if you want to, but don't say you weren't warned.

73. How should a Catholic regard a girl who is bad for him spiritually but who treats him like a king?

Ans. Just as any other man should who has his wits about him.

PRAYERS: Ill - the grandmother of Dick and Jack Baker. Three special intentions.