

Novena to the
Holy Ghost
Starts Thursday

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Gaps in Adoration
Thur. - 9:30;
11:00(2); 4:00.

Father O'Donnell.

During the last twenty-four hours Father O'Donnell has been sinking more rapidly. Please continue your prayers that he may be spared a protracted agony.

Mother's Day.

Get your spiritual bouquet into the mail in time for delivery before Sunday. If you have failed to make a Novena, promise one now and begin it without delay.

May Devotions Tonight.

The first exercise will begin immediately after the singing at the Grotto. The second exercise is scheduled at seven o'clock, or as soon thereafter as the church is free.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

81. Why is it that we Catholics who believe that Our Lord is present in person in the church do not spend more time there?

Ans. We allow the world to draw us away. We need to pray for faith - FAITH. For the fight between the world and the spirit we need every bit of faith we can assemble. In daily adoration at Notre Dame we see what can be done by a gradual development of a spirit of faith. Daily Communion developed here slowly - then visits to the Grotto and more frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament - then daily adoration during certain periods of the year. May God and Our Blessed Lady ever give us an increase of faith.

82. Should a Catholic fellow marry the average girl of today - the naughty kind?

Ans. We hope the average girl of today isn't naughty. In choosing a partner for life, pick one who will help you save your soul. It shouldn't be hard to understand why.

83. Is a Catholic obliged to tell another Catholic that a certain day is an abstinence day if his friend is eating meat?

Ans. Yes, if the friend is a faithful Catholic and will not be likely to go on eating the meat. The sin is only material, not formal, but we should prevent even material sin when we can. If there is real danger of the sin becoming formal - of his will entering into the act - then the warning should be omitted.

84. What is religion? Is it an emotional prejudice based on an afterlife? Why do we have to have an afterlife? All religions (basic ones) seem to be based on the idea of immortality.

Ans. During your two years here you should have gleaned - from the Bulletin if not from your classes - that religion is vastly more than an emotion. In fact, the Bulletin has frequently warned you to mistrust emotion in its part in religion. Religion has been defined as "the sum of all our relations with God". Your long years of instruction in religion have for their purpose to enlighten your intellect on the revelation God has given us concerning these relationships and the conclusions of reason from this revelation and from observable facts of the natural order; your long years of training encourage you to exercise your will according to this illumination of the intellect. Reason demands an afterlife, since this life is so inadequate to fill the longings of the soul; and God has told us that there is an afterlife, for which this life is only a period of preparation. Were it not for this period of trial we could not know merit in heaven. - Your question is too long for adequate discussion here. Drop in for a talk.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Frank Matavovsky's father. Ill - Jack Kioly's mother was anointed yesterday; Wm. Klima's father, improved, still needs prayers; a brother of Ben McShane, '30; John Podraza (appendectomy). Ten special intentions.