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Questions From the Questionnaire.

99. Who have more duties, the children to the parents, or the parents to the children?
Ans. How old is Ann? The Fourth Commandment imposes definite duties on both children and parents. These duties are grave or light according to their substance, their circumstances, and the end they serve. As a child, reverence, obey, respect, and love your parents; as a parent, when you reach that state, train your children in the fear and love of God; teach them to make a living in this world and save their souls for the next. On your death-bed, if you are still curious, you can count up the duties you have fulfilled in both capacities - and when you get the answer, keep it to yourself, as we don't think the world will be very curious to learn it.

100. Is it possible for a boy of twelve to bind himself by oath or vow to abstain from intoxicating liquors with the intention of making this binding under pain of mortal sin, and if so, why have I been told that the intention to break such an oath or vow is not a mortal sin?

Ans. 1. It is possible for a person who has attained the use of reason and who knows what he is doing to make such a pledge so binding; 2. If you have been told that it was not a sin to break such a promise it was because your informant probably interpreted your question in the light of the usual pledge, which is intended as a strong resolution and not as a vow.

101. Why do so many students show disrespect in church?

Ans. Don't be surprised at the number who do; save your surprise for the number who are respectful. When you see how brainless so many are in so many ways - these men who insist on being treated as men - congratulate yourself that you are living in the midst of a great many men who have some sense of responsibility - at least to God. (And if you don't get the point, stand at the door of the dining hall some Saturday night and see how many juniors and seniors lead the pack in the mad rush for the movie - to wait patiently a half-hour for the show to start.)

102. What is wrong when a seemingly upstanding Catholic young man is swept under in a wave of religious indifference?

Ans. That's a case for a specialist. Checking over a dozen possible causes he can find the right one or the right combination, and supply the remedy.

103. How can a person tell if he has scruples?

Ans. His confessor can answer that question in a jiffy.

Laymen's Retreat.

Alumni, students, and friends of the University in general, will welcome the announcement of the Sixteenth Annual Retreat For Laymen to be held at Notre Dame next August 2nd-5th.

All Catholic laymen, rich and poor, high and low, are invited.

Three days of spiritual tuning-up, amidst the old campus haunts, -- this, for Notre Dame men, tells the story of the retreat.

The stipend of ten dollars covers eight meals, room, and other recreational facilities provided at the University. For reservations and further information address: Rev. Thomas Kearney, C.S.C., Director of Laymen's Retreats, Notre Dame, Indiana.

PRAYERS: Ill - the father of Rev. E. Vincent Mooney, C.S.C.; a little son of Cliff McIntosh, '24. Two special intentions. Deceased - the father of Arthur Lavery, '33. MASS - Tuesday morning, 6:25, Sacred Heart Church, for the repose of the soul of Thomas Carroll's father (Freshman Chem. Club).