
Sacrament of Confirmation to be Conferred.

A few hundred yards from the Vatican in Rome is the Castel Sant'Angelo, --strong place of safety for the popes for hundreds of years. Built in a perfect circle, of huge stone blocks (once covered with marble), its high, thick walls form the "impenetrable" fortress of the Middle Ages.

What the Castel Sant'Angelo was to the popes; the Sacrament of Confirmation is to the soul, --permanent fortification in the battle against the enemies of the soul's salvation. Thanks to the reception of this Sacrament the soul becomes strong in resisting assaults against faith, the recipient becomes a soldier of Jesus Christ.

Because of the vigor and fighting strength that Confirmation conveys to the soul, the Church imposes upon every Catholic the obligation of being confirmed when the opportunity is at hand.

Next Monday night, September 24, at 6:30 in the Main Church, the Bishop of Fort Wayne, Most Rev. John F. Noll, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class here at Notre Dame.

Certain instructions have to be given, and certain facts ascertained, before candidates may be confirmed. If, therefore, you have not received this Sacrament, call immediately at the Prefect of Religion's Office, 117 Dillon Hall any time during the morning or evening. Don't delay.

Length of Years And The Philosopher-Scientist.

There is a piquant note in the New York Times account of the recent meeting at Aberdeen of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. It refers to Prof. William MacDougall of Duke University as "probably the best known American psychologist a quarter century ago." It presents Prof. MacDougall as defending against a belligerent field of modern scientists his outworn theory that "animal behaviour is the key to all human psychology."

Length of years may be a mixed blessing to a philosopher-scientist. The cult of latria was transferred from God to Science in Huxley's time. In the intervening years there have been many gods. How many of them listened to the tempter's voice to cast themselves down from the temple!

Most of these gods have lived to see the destruction of their "inferences" by other philosopher-scientists. Twenty-five years is a long span in the life of a modern "inference", and Prof. MacDougall enjoyed fame for a much longer period than most of his contemporaries. (Life was pumped into his theory a few years ago by Dr. Watson - but pumped out again by Harvey Wickham.) But he has lived long enough for the Times to refer to him in the past tense, and for the British Academy to assemble enough "younger scientists" utterly to discredit his theories in a public meeting of that august body.

Prof. MacDougall's motion pictures of "a raccoon that had been trained to push open twenty-four latches to reach its food inside a wooden box," offered as proof of his contention that animals think, was greeted by Dr. Solly Zuckerman, of Oxford, and his young associates with the well-known raspberry.

Length of years may not be an unmixed blessing, especially to a philosopher-scientist. PRAYERS: Deceased, mother of George J. McLiney, '28; James Henley, '93. Ill, Charley Winegardner, Freshman of last year. Five Special intentions.