
Father O'Hara's Answers.

Year after year the same objections pop up against Daily Communion. Here are some typical ones and their answers, taken from the Bulletin of years gone by.

"I don't believe in daily Communion. These fellows who go daily are hypocrites."

Ans. Easy, easy! "Judge not, lest you be judged." If you don't believe in daily Communion, you set yourself up as knowing more than the Pope, which is just a bit rash for a young man in college. And if you call a man a hypocrite simply because, for the cure of his daily faults, he takes the divinely-ordained medicine for those faults, you put yourself in the class of those who condemned Our Lord for eating and drinking with sinners.

Do you recall the story of the woman taken in adultery? She was brought to Our Lord to be condemned; she went away forgiven. She was left at the feet of Our Lord, unaccused, because when Christ said, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone," He stopped and wrote in the sand; and when her accusers saw Him write there the secret sins they had committed, "they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest."

"I am ashamed to go to confession so soon again."

Ans. Do you mean that when you have committed one mortal sin you would rather pile up more so that that one won't look so big? Your experience has probably shown you that once the state of grace is lost it is much easier to commit other sins. Why not use common sense and recover the state of grace immediately if you fall?

"I am not good enough to go."

Ans. All right; sit down and wait until God makes you a saint in spite of yourself and then you can go. Does a sick man wait until he is well to take medicine? Sin and sinful habits will yield to daily Communion if you follow your confessor's advice.

"I am no better for going frequently."

Ans. Then study your dispositions. Do you hear Mass when you receive? Are you making the proper preparation and thanksgiving? Are you doing any spiritual reading, to open your mind to the things of God? Are you trying to avoid habitual venial faults? Are you making any sacrifice? Improvement through Holy Communion may come slowly, just as your food builds up your body slowly, but if there is no improvement it is because there is a poison in your system that neutralizes the effects of grace. Ask some priest to help you find out what is the matter.

"I haven't the time to go."

Ans. Who gave you the time you have for other things? God asks very little in return for giving you twenty-four hours each day. From 5:15 till noon every day you have priests waiting to give you instant service; and if you want any opportunity that is not now provided, you have only to ask for it.

"It's pretty cold these mornings."

Ans. Yes, and it was pretty cold in Bethlehem the night Christ was born in a stable.
PRAYERS: Deceased, relative of Father Hoff; uncle of Bill Dooley; Gladys Carroll. Ill, relative of John B. Lamb.