

Don't neglect the novena
for Joe Sullivan which
is to end March 17.

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New York, Mar. 11--
Crucial consultation to-
day. Keep boys praying.
T. Sullivan.

Why Not a non-Catholic?

The girl is sincere, beautiful, good-living, from a fine family. But she is not a Catholic and frankly admits that she will probably remain non-Catholic. She will sign the promises, however, to permit her children to be reared in the Catholic Faith.

Why does the Church advise the Catholic young man against such a marriage?

Because, ordinarily, it is most difficult, if not impossible, for such a non-Catholic even to permit her children to be reared in the Catholic Faith. Moreover, the Catholic companionship that a man should have in his wife is utterly lacking in such a marriage.

Let us suppose, as we must, that children come to such a marriage. It is time for the first-born or the second or third-born to go to Confession and to make his first Holy Communion. He speaks to his mother full of wonderment because he is to have his sins forgiven in the confessional, because he is to receive Christ at Holy Communion.

Does his mother strengthen his faith? If she does, she must tell her child something contrary to her own belief. And mothers are loath to do that. If she doesn't, she puts a dangerous question mark into the child's faith. Perhaps she introduces into his mind a doubt that will make him all his life a lukewarm, half-hearted Catholic.

It is not enough for a non-Catholic mother to explain that her reason for not going to Confession and to Holy Communion is the fact that she is not a Catholic. The child doesn't readily follow that sort of reason. The child goes with simple faith that his sins are forgiven, that he receives Christ. If he is right he cannot see why his mother doesn't go too.

Here is the way an alumnus advises in the Alumni Survey of two years ago:

"Advise Catholic boys to marry Catholic girls. I am a convert. I married a Baptist who gave me all the rights over my children. She never interfered in my religion, and always reminded me of my Communion Sunday. She became a wonderful Catholic and is a wonderful woman. But with all my good luck along this line I say, 'Catholics marry Catholics.' In the past twenty years I have seen too many cases where good Catholics married good Protestants and now neither has any religion."

The Novena to St. Joseph for a happy marriage has a two-fold intention:

1. The favor of a good Catholic wife as mother of your children;
2. The grace to make her a good husband.

You should have started the novena today to end on March 19, feast of St. Joseph. But if you have not already begun, start tomorrow, offering Mass and Holy Communion and reciting the litany of St. Joseph (or visiting the Grotto) daily for nine days.

Catholic Action.

Among many commendations of the Bulletin of March 6 is one enthusiastic letter from a theatre-goer in South Bend who promises to stay away, and keep his family away, from the Palace Theatre until the management decides to clean up and keep clean. The management will do just that when it learns that it cannot outrage the moral sensibilities of a self-respecting community and get paid for it. This is the time to put that lesson across to the greedy, mundane Palace management.

PRAYERS: Deceased, mother of Andy Pupils (St. Ed's.); mother of William Dersoy; three friends of students. Ill, father of Brother Denys; two relatives of Joe and Jim Waldron; friend of V. Hartnett; uncle of W. McHugh; friend of Anthony Gmos; Victor Krusweg (Walsh); guardian of F. Schaefer; son of Jim Connolly. Five sp. ints.