

Mass Wed. after 2nd Sun.  
in Lent. 2nd col., Saints,  
p. 660; 3rd, liv. & dead, p. 661.

University of Notre Dame  
Religious Bulletin  
March 10, 1936

New Religious Survey will be  
mailed to anyone interested.  
--Fr. Hoff preaches Wed. night.

### What Of The Mixed Marriage?

The new Religious Survey of the alumni has just come off the press. It contains an alarming commentary on mixed marriages.

Priest are sometimes accused of being prejudiced, a priori, in their attitude toward mixed marriages. Well, let's see what practical, men-of-the-world think about them. This time our source of information is not reason or religion; it's experience.

"What is your attitude toward mixed marriages?" That was the question put to alumni. And of the 926 who answer, 75 per cent are opposed; 17 per cent think that under certain "favorable" circumstances mixed marriages might succeed. Only 6 per cent express no objection to them.

Read these remarks carefully:

"Just like the word itself. They are mixed, and what a mixture! No good."

"My wife is a convert. She's sincere but does not get the Catholic angle of family life. Something missing."

"I married a Catholic. Tell your boys at N.D., to try and stay within the Church. Hard enough to practice certain laws with a Catholic."

"Tried it twice. If I had to marry a third time I would pick a daily communicant."

"My father was a non-Catholic and a good man; but I married a Catholic. I should know first-hand and I am very much against mixed marriages.

"In this territory I hear of fallen-away Catholics every day with mixed marriages the cause."

"I believe that they are a far more serious mistake for all concerned than even our religion teachers indicate."

"Get a Catholic girl! Married at the altar the bond seems stronger. It brings me closer to my wife when we kneel in our home and say the rosary during Lent."

"Nothing like having a wife kneeling and praying beside you in church."

"As an offspring of one, I am only now beginning to see the many terrible possibilities."

"Violently 'anti.' I once took Catholic census."

"Never should be allowed. I am the son of a mixed marriage and know the two different worlds such parents live in."

"My father is a non-Catholic, but a very good man. He would not let any of us attend non-Catholic schools. But there always has been something missing at home. I say, No!"

"Mother is a convert; my brother, a seminarian; the other children are just Catholic; Dad has fallen away--need more?"

"Don't even like to date non-Catholic girls for fear I might fall in love with one of them."

"My Faith is the most important thing in life. I want a partner in life. A Catholic girl will help me stay close to God by going to the Sacraments regularly and by influencing me to do the same. It is also good to know that she can not chance another partner after marriage for any reason important or unimportant."

"My father was a non-Catholic. After raising twelve children as Catholics, my mother said if she were starting over she would never attempt a mixed marriage."

During the novena for a happy marriage, pray (unless you intend to be a priest or a religious) that you fall in love with a good Catholic girl!

PRAYERS: (deceased) friends of Maurice Schafer (Alum.); mother of John Norris, former student; wife of Dr. Jeremiah McCarthy, '16. Ill, John Norris; uncle of Bill Lynch (Cor.); uncle of Joe Canale (Alum.); father of Rev. Russell McVinney (Cor.)