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Will You Send It?

Dear _____:

To address this questionnaire to you is a little unusual I'll admit, but our Prefect of Religion has dared me to send it to one of my non-Catholic friends.

For what purpose? He says I don't know how my non-Catholic friends regard my Catholic Faith; that some people hardly ever think about it; that others think about it, but base their thoughts on mis-information; that others, with accurate information, have never frankly disclosed their true conclusion and reaction toward Catholicism, because no Catholic has ever asked them to do so.

He states that your answers will stump me because I don't know my religion as well as I think I do. Incidentally, please answer my questions frankly, because both he and I know that nothing you say honestly can injure my Faith or Church which has stood against all attacks for almost 2000 years. But, maybe, on the contrary, what you have to say will make my faith stronger by compelling me to study the answers to some of your questions and remarks. And may I assure you in advance that there is always a sane and convincing answer to any possible objection.

In brief, you can't hurt me or my Faith, no matter what you answer. Maybe you can benefit me.

Sincerely yours,

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| 1. Just what is your idea of the Catholic Church? | 5. What is your main objection to the Catholic Church? |
| 2. Do you, or did you ever, have an interest in finding out the truth about the Church? What prompted this interest? | 6. Do you think that there should be a sacrifice in religion? By sacrifice I mean a public act of worship in which a victim is offered by a priest to God alone in testimony of His being Sovereign Lord of all things. |
| 3. Just what part or phase of the Catholic Church interests you most? Why? | 7. What do you think about the importance of religion today? |
| 4. What do you think of the historical existence of the Church, i.e., the fact that it traces its origin back to Christ? | |

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PRAYERS: (deceased) Mrs. Patrick McDonald, wife of Patrick (Old Student) and mother of Donnelly P. McDonald '12; friend of Patrick Bannon (St. Eds.); Mr. Thos. J. Grady and Mr. J. McCabe, friends of Dave Meskell (St. Eds.); Brother Vital C.S.C.; Sister M. Christina; anniversary of death of father of Joe Hartzer (Off-Campus). Ill, aunt of Jack Duffy (Dil); mother of John McNamee (Ehm); brother of Irwin Schaffner (Bro); uncle of Bob Hoag (How); cousin of B. Dillon (Lyons); mother of Charles (Alumni) and Paul (Nor) and Thomas Morrison (Bro.); grandfather of Tom Foye (How); aunt of Henry Mackin (Walsh). Nine special intentions.