

Reminder: How about your penny-a-day in Lent savings?

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Added to 106 Howard library---eighteen more books (novels).

Offside, Onside.

Whoever started the rumor about the clipping of magazine names and addresses ought to head in. The Committee for Decency-in-print had nothing to do with it. This drive has both feet on the ground and its eyes are fixed on the Immaculate Mother of God. It knows nothing of "blind pugnaticism" or "furious reformism." It has more on the ball than some of the buckers think, more than enough to strike out their arguments.

What's needed and respectfully asked is the cooperation of all in the name of decency. You can sacrifice your snap judgments. You can lay aside your pet peeves. You can help thousands of kids from tripping into the cesspool of sins against God's sixth commandment. You can do all these things, if you want to, by doing your bit for the love of Mary who is "Mother most pure," "Mother most chaste," "Mother inviolate," and "Virgin of Virgins." Fray and pitch in.

"O.K.," says a student, "on one condition-- that you quit picking on the good magazines and concentrate on the bad."

Let's take that up. For, granted, if there's no reason and head-work behind the drive, it can justly be accused of "blind pugnaticism" and "furious reformism."

The whole point of making issue with a good magazine, one of the very best, for a momentary slip or whatever the editor wants to call it, is this: when the best magazines begin to offend, then you don't know what to expect. But politely, intelligently, yet firmly, let the good publisher know you didn't like his "slip" or "splash" and he is quite apt to thank you, shake hands, and promise not to do it again. When you have the best publishers with you, cleaning up on the Smutters isn't going to be half so hard.

But if you sit back and let the good publishers get away with their dash of sex or perhaps their "test try," you can not complain when they've slipped down

PRAYERS: (deceased) uncle of Jack Duffy (Al.). Ill, John Joseph Wintermeyer (Alumni); Dr. McArdle, father of Jim McArdle (Al.); aunt of Vince Turiano (Scrin); father of Chick O'Brien (Off-Campus); (appendectomy) Ricks Belden (Mer.). Five special ints.

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with the Smutters and you have to fight everyone alone. That's "blind pugnaticism."

"What is to be sought for," as an article in last week's Scholastic succinctly says, "for us and for them (the Smut-publishers) is an inward formation in virtue and wisdom." In other words, as the same writer puts it: "We must not suppose that we have comprehended and realized Catholic Action when we have stopped these presses. The significant work is to construct an inner and personal respiritualization, and to fructify it in religious practice and in intellectual culture and in social organization." It is the positive thing the bishops are after. Reflect on the name, National Organization for Decent Literature.

Your help is needed. The editor of the publishers' own trade magazine, Editor and Publisher writes: "I think you're doing a fine work educating the folks at Notre Dame against this flood of smut in print. We have taken this up several times and will do so again but I think that any effective campaign must come from the people. It seems hopeless to advise these papers that they are jeopardizing the whole free press structure by grappling for a few pennies." It must come from you.

And Others expect it of you. "St. Wendelin High, Fostoria, Ohio congratulates the 'Boys of Notre Dame' who have some sympathy with High School students and their problems. We are behind you. Put us down for at least 100 pamphlets and maybe more later."

The director of "The Catholic Actioneers of St. Louis" writes to say that some of the recent Bulletin paragraphs "contained some real, honest-to-godness, fire-water. Please allow me to help distribute something this country has needed for a long time-- that pamphlet."

A Pennsylvania fan says: "Your boys of Notre Dame do not realize how their example can influence the youth of America. Let them bend every effort."