

"I was naked and you covered Me." Cover CHRIST with your old shirts, shoes, coats.....

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.....Vincent de Paul-men will collect them from you tonight & Wednesday night....

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Who's Right? Who's Wrong?

Quit Belly-aching: After yesterday's announcement about changing back to the old schedule of Masses (6,7,8 and 9 High) complaints like these started to circulate:

"He's crazy." "It'll do more harm than good." "Treating us like kids again."

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Gentlemen: The matter's in your own hands. If you want the privilege of the 10:00 o'clock Mass continued, it's yours for the asking. All that is asked of you is that you be on time for all the Masses.

And since it's your problem, the suggestion was made that perhaps something could be worked out by your S.A.C. to retain the late Mass. Why should it be impossible to see that the late-sleepers are re-cused by their earlier-rising friends, say at 9:30? That would take care of getting the men to the 10:00 on time. A good strong alarm, a good strong will, a spirit of wanting to give Christ His due would get the rest of you on time to the other Masses. There's no mystery about it at all and no unfairness. You play square with Christ and with yourselves. Then all will go well.

That "Kid Stuff" Alibi: If you want to be treated as adults, act like adults, like people who know the score. It's the old story of passing the buck. You originate a condition, don't like the consequences and start looking for someone else to blame. Here's one you're not pinning it on. Look at it from the Prefect of Religion's viewpoint for a second:

His job is to help prepare you to do a better job in your parish life. There's no time like right now for learning to go to Mass promptly and reverently Sunday mornings and to be a good influence on the rest of the parish later.

His job is to help you to perfect your souls and to teach you that VENIAL SIN is the worst evil in the universe after mortal

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Mrs. James McGinn of Providence, R.I., mother of Fr. John McGinn, Maryknoll missionary in China; aunt of Ken Kempf (BF); aunt of Bill Herzog (Pro); brother of Sr. M. Aloysi, Ph.D '30; uncle of Pat Bannon (CC); Gerinne Girard; Mrs. Al. King & Mrs. John Cahill (Larchmont, N.Y.); father of Jack O'Leary (Walsh); (leg amputation) Eddie Collins (St. Benedict's Prep); (operations) Bill Hosinski & friend of Joe Ryan.

sin. Missing minor parts of the Sunday Mass without proportionate cause is a deliberate venial sin. Examples: getting up at five minutes to ten for the 10:00 o'clock Mass; sitting around waiting for your friend who isn't ready; idling the precious last few minutes away over the Sunday Trib and your coffee in the Caf.

His job is to help you realize that you should prefer NOT to miss a syllable of the Mass because it is your privilege to love, praise, thank and adore the good God who made you, died for you on the Cross and lives for you on the altar. The Mass is your powerhouse of divine grace, your fortress against sin!

His job is to help you sharpen your wits. This infantile crabbing and buck-passing is only further proof that what you need is an intellectual showdown. If you believe that the Mass is the Sacrifice of CHRIST renewed, that He is truly, really and substantially present upon the altar for you and your sanctification, then act in accordance with your conviction. If you're not too sure about the tie-up between Christ on the Cross and Christ in the Mass, then why not look into it?

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Father Paul Bussard, editor of the CATHOLIC DIGEST, wrote The Sacrifice a short time ago. You can't get a better book, nor a more reasonably cheap one (\$1.00) than it to explain the whole Mass. You can't get a better Christmas gift for yourselves than it nor can you find anything better to give to your friends, Catholic or otherwise. "Otherwise," -- that is, even non-Catholics, for NO ONE, WHOMEVER HE IS, can afford to be indifferent to the Mass. If it's what Catholics claim it, it's the one thing which, as center, could start spinning the world once again in orderly fashion. If it's not that, then someone ought to write a companion volume refuting The Sacrifice. This all started because YOU have been indifferent to the Mass. Don't be!