

So You Think It's Cold, Huh? --
And That's Your "Reason" For Staying Away.

It's just about time a good many of the wise-birds get a little wiser. Bishop C'Hara used to have a ready answer for the lads who said it was too cold to get to Mass and Holy Communion: "It was cold in the stable at Bethlehem, too."

The idea isn't whether you're cold and sprinkled with goose-pimples. Are you hot or cold toward the Christ-Child? January is dedicated to the Holy Infancy of Our Lord.

"Learn of Me, for I am Meek and Humble of Heart."

It's a bad policy to let the spirit of the liturgical season escape you as its cycle of lessons turns year after year.

From the mysteries of Christmas, Epiphany, the Circumcision, the feast of the Holy Family, see the value God Himself puts on littleness. St. Therese of Lisieux understood this, carried the idea of "her little way" out to gigantic completeness.

Let the cocky earth-mind pagan spurn the call to humility. "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled." It was ever thus and shall always be so. "Pride goeth before a fall." Look at Napoleon. See the Titanic sliding downward past smiling whales. It will be the same ere long with Hitler and Stalin. Pray avoid this spirit yourselves!

If you would but read, and read into, the life of Our Saviour you would be both convinced and convicted. Every one of your sins springs from pride. Like the devil, you want to be God. You must have your way always. "I will not serve!"

In an informal way every sin, every moral mis-step, is a major or minor blasphemy. "I will not serve." It is like saying, "God can go fish." And such a thought, in such slang, emphasizes the irreverence of disobedience to the Creator and Lover of all.

The Word was made flesh primarily to save; to make up for man's sin, Adam's and Eve's and yours. But He came also to give an example. "Come, follow Me." And the outstanding example of His early life is summed up in these words: "He was subject to them" — Wisdom Incarnate, Who knew all the answers, listening to Joseph and Mary!

The-Can't-Be-Told Rcys.

If you're one of the clan that always knows more than the prof or the priest... ("They belong to the past" — so you think).....you're not following the lead Our Lord gave you. You're much too cocky for your own best interests. No one ever got far in life who brushed lightly aside the suggestions of his mother and father or who never could learn to take it on faith from authority.

It's that way with this non-Catholic girl proposition. As was said before, no one's blaming you or her that your religious faiths aren't the same. But you're due for plenty of blame when you try to rub out the difficulty of a mixture marriage with a smoothie's sneer, "My case is different." Now, not later, is the time to be sure.

PRAYERS: (DECEASED) father of John Hurley '25; friend of Jack Shafransky (Dil); Mrs. Agnes McCarthy (Eklyn); 2nd anniv., mother of Ed Duquette (Pro); aunt of Father Ernsdorff; relative of Bill Johnson (RF); mother of friend of Bill Durham (Dil); aunt of Matt Byrnes (Dil); Sister Columbanus, C.S.C.; friend of Larry Devereux (Ly); brother of Brother Marcion, C.S.C.; friend of Carlos Dittborn (Cav); (ILL) Mary Gallagher of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. Corcoran (Batn); friend of Mark Pfaller (Z); (operation) sister of Cec. Grogan (RF); Mrs. Edward Scanlan, mother-in-law of Prof. Sheehan; twelve special intentions. (LOST) tan wool scarf, return 107 Cav. - reward. Pray for us too.