

Leave in state of grace;
Confessions all morning
Thursday, Cavanaugh,

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Howard and Dillon. Also
in afternoon, 2:00-5:30,
and evening, 7:00-9:45.

Afternoon Mass.

That privilege has just been granted by the Pope -- but only in the war zone.

Black-out regulations will prohibit the Christmas midnight Masses in most of the European war areas. The Holy Father, therefore, has allowed the customary midnight Mass to be celebrated in the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Attendance at that time fulfills the obligation of hearing Mass the following day.

Holy Communion can be received by the faithful at that Mass provided that they have fasted for four hours. A further convenience is that they may receive that afternoon, even though they may have previously communicated in the morning. Thus, Holy Communion may be received twice in one day, but reception again on the following day is not allowed.

Would You Trade?

Great though that privilege is -- afternoon Mass and Holy Communion twice in one day -- think of the conditions that necessitate it. We should make our Christmas Mass and Communion a thanksgiving to God that peace reigns in our country.

May peace -- the peace of Christ -- reign in your hearts throughout vacation. He will reign there if you keep in the state of grace.

Don't Make St. Christopher Jump!

It has been said that St. Christopher rides calmly in your car with you when you are driving forty miles an hour. At sixty, he gets plenty jittery. At eighty, he jumps out and leaves you on your own.

You wear a medal of St. Christopher (meaning Christ-bearer) around your neck. You bear Christ within you while in the state of grace. Keep Him there throughout your vacation, whether you are working or playing. Only His enemy, sin, can drive Him out.

Until We Meet Again.

Give the folks a break while you're home. Visit with them often. One father said (and how many fathers thought?) last Christmas, "The only time I know that I have a son is when I hear the stairs creak early in the morning."

Be temperate in your use of intoxicants, if you don't abstain from them altogether. Keep your relations with girls noble. Let your most intimate friends know that you are a son of Our Lady by your example, your speech and your actions.

Before you head for the train, make one last visit to the Grotto, or, if time presses, at least look up to Our Lady on the Dome, with a prayer in your heart that:

1. She will bless you with a happy vacation.
2. She will be proud of you and your example.
3. She will bring you back safely, finer and stronger.

GOOD-BYE AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRAYERS: Ill: Sister of Jim Purcell (Dil); Sister of Alex Crow (C-C). Deceased: Mother of Joe Brien, '37; Aunt of John Moyer (Z); Msgr. William F. Keef; Friend of Hal Smullen (Car); 10th Anniv., Norman Steyskal. Four Special Intentions.