

Benediction
First Friday
7:00 & 7:30

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Sunday: High
Mass begins
at 8:00.

Questions from the Questionnaire.

1. How can I make my non-Catholic girl a good Catholic?

Answer. First of all, by being better than just a good Catholic yourself. Your example will make a more favorable first impression than any arguments. Try that during Easter vacation. Then ask her what's the queerest thing she ever heard about Catholics and tell her not to pull her punches. You'll be surprised at the misrepresentations that are current. Explaining the truth will give you an opening or chance to send her a suitable pamphlet or literature on your return as a starter.

But literature will be useless unless your prayer, example and conduct prepare the way. One non-Catholic girl we know of, moved by the example of an N. D. student, stops in at Mass three mornings a week (not just during Lent) on her way to classes at the University of Chicago.

2. How can I overcome a lessening of my Faith; many questions and doubts have arisen?

Answer. Drop in to see a priest. A priest loves to find a student who is really thinking even enough for doubts, and he will respect your intelligence and difficulties. It's far better to have doubts here where difficulties can be cleared up and answers secured, than to take everything for granted, lazily and apathetically, and then meet objections and questions in later life where time and lack of facilities prevent proper study.

Always remember: "God made our reason; He isn't afraid of it; He wants us to use it."

To the question: "How many times have you received Holy Communion since September?" you answered, "Once". Your doubts may be the cause of only one reception, but most likely your doubts are the effect. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you," supernatural life, including Faith.

Assuming you are honest in your doubts you will see a priest in or out of confession for help.

Some students claim doubts to cover up their weaknesses or unwillingness to live up to Catholicism. They speak about priests, but not to them in or out of confession.

You, on the contrary, sound honest. Your answer, for example, to question 16 regarding advice on stubbornness is: "Hard to say for I believe it refers to myself."

God bless you. We'll be praying for you -- and some priest is waiting for you.

4. Why treat us like kids with all the rules, etc.? Treat us like men.

Answer. As we read that question, we recalled an answer received this morning from an army chaplain answering the special questionnaire sent to chaplains. Question No. 3 is: "Could you suggest any activity or reading, etc., that a prospective volunteer or draftee should undertake meantime to prepare himself best, intellectually, morally, physically, to produce the greatest profit from his service to God, to his country and to himself?"

The chaplain's answer is: "Read everything he can get his hands on in regard to Army organization, discipline, courtesy. Learn to obey cheerfully, willingly, even tho the orders come from one who is not as well equipped to give orders as he should be. Physically, must be able to take it, drill all day, sleep under the sky, sometimes go 18 hours without food (on maneuvers) and sleep." (Original in office for skeptics.)

PRAYERS. Dec. Mother of Frs. Thomas and Bernard McAvoy, C.S.C.; Mary E. Graham; Uncle of Katherine Timmermann; Anniv. father of Jim McIntyre (How); James W. O'Brien; Mrs. Martin Carbin; Mr. George Dumont; Friend of Bro. Columbinus, C.S.C.; Aunt of W. Gibbons, '38. Ill: Friend of John Matters (Z); Grandmother of Lyle (Car) and Jack (Dil) Joyce; Miss Jean Walton; Cousin of Leo Turgeon (Dil). 7 Special Intentions.