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It's God's Wish - Be On Time.

A scandal must cease - this coming late to Sunday Mass. Sunday is the Lord's Day. We come to the Holy Sacrifice for the purpose of honoring our Father in heaven. It is mockery to begin that worship with a venial sin. And it is sin to arrive so much as a minute after the priest has started the prayers at the foot of the altar. We should not make rash judgments about people? Maybe they had legitimate excuses? If this were the case, then yesterday there were at least 200 legitimate excuses. Even the the most broadminded Mass-misser would not concede that fifty of them were legitimate.

This sinful abuse of God's law must stop entirely. Christ prefers to draw men to heaven by mercy, but when they harden their hearts, He bends them towards His Father by suffering. It is good to remember that the present war will be prolonged as long as men continue to sin and forget the rights of their God. God will have to make Purgatory more roomy if Catholic college men are going to treat tardiness at Mass so slightly.

Our Hope.

Mother of Sorrows, many a heart
Half broken by despair,
Has laid its burden 'neath the Cross
and found a Mother there.

Keep Your Promises.

At supper you made a very definite agreement with Joe to meet at Walgreen's at 8:30 p.m. sharp. At 8:45 you get tired waiting for your friend and go to the show alone. The following morning Joe greets you and says nothing about his absence the evening before and makes no excuse. Later in the day you learn that Joe was in town but when he got hot at pool he decided to stay at the Bowl-mor.

You find them everywhere - these people who make promises and never keep them. There should be a temporary suspension of the law of meekness when friends constantly report, "I forgot", "Well, I was only five minutes late". But striking them would not change them. They must meditate on their unkindness.

Keeping promises made to another is a virtue. It merits a higher place in heaven. But the perfect keeping of promises is on the wane. The answer is that folks have just stopped going the full way in kindness and charity.

And then there is a kind of promise-breaking which is ingratitude, namely that of failing to carry out the prayers and sacrifices promised in exchange for a favor granted by Our Lord. Some of you are making promises now to Christ and His Blessed Mother: Mass and Communion for a week, daily Rosary, a visit to the Grotto in exchange for success in your exams. Will Saturday's promises be fulfilled? How many Catholics confess in the sacrament of Penance that they failed to keep their promises? The world is going to be a happier place when fidelity to one's word makes a comeback.

The Catholic Church Grants 29 Divorces?

The Church never grants a divorce as the term is understood by many people today, that is, separation with the right to remarry. Explain to your non-Catholic inquirer that the Church merely declared, after careful study, that 29 of the marriages brought before the Sacred Tribunal of the Rota last year were found to be null from the very start of the union.