

First Friday Benediction
7:00 P.M.
Church.

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Start and end your week
end with a peaceful
conscience.

Why A Catholic School.

This week 2,000,000 American youth will hike off to school again after a summer's vacation. Does it make any difference to you where the Catholic children in this group attends school? If you are a parent entrusted by God with the education of one of these souls, would you send it to the Catholic School?

You are forming your ideas now about many points of tremendous importance in life. You must become more and more convinced that Catholic children must be educated in Catholic schools.

Children are not sent to school to have facts poured into their heads. They go to be educated, to be prepared for life. In a Catholic school a youngster gets the answer to the most important questions in life: where did I come from? what am I on earth for? what will happen to me after death? There are secular trained college men who cannot answer those questions. Would you say their education is perfect?

The duty of every parent is to develop a perfect Christian. Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical on the Christian Education of Youth gives the definition of a Christian:

"Hence the true Christian, product of Christian education, is the supernatural man who thinks, judges, and acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ. . ."

Recently a seven year old non-Catholic girl who had attended a Catholic school for a year was forced to withdraw because of a change of residence and enter a public school. Not many days after she had made the change in surroundings, she came to her Catholic friends and said: "They don't say anything about Jesus there". Religious truth has no place in the public school curriculum. At the very time when a child needs training in the "light of the example and teaching of Christ" he does not get it.

Chaplain Farrell, Catholic chaplain in the U.S. Army in Africa makes this recommendation to Catholic parents based on his experience with the men in his charge:

"If only parents could understand that most of the men who do not practice their faith, do not know it; and if such parents could see the gratitude of those who have from the good example of other Catholic men, learned to know, love and live their Catholic faith, they would consider more seriously their grave obligation to give these men, their children, a break -- a full Catholic education."

There is more to education than the learning of Catholic truth. The truth must be made to live in one's life. A Catholic school teaches and encourages the student to apply his newly acquired knowledge to life. Every true parent desires his child to develop good habits early in life.

There is only one slant for a Catholic to take on life and its problems, and that is the Catholic slant. Only a Catholic education raises a man to his true stature. There is only one slant to be taken on marriage, the family, the purpose of the State, the Catholic way. How arrive at this information of the mind and soul but by education in a Catholic school?

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Father Henry Geuss, C.S.C. (Ill) Sister Lucilla, C.S.C. (Student's Infirmary); Gene Hutson (Al) - appendectomy. 5 Special Intentions.