

Begin Novena for Exams
today: Mass, Communion,
Rosary.

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Rosary Devotions every
night in Church at
6:30 P.M.

The Laundry.

Naval students, Marines, R.O.T.C. and Midshipmen are obliged to be clean from tip to toe, particularly at daily and weekly inspection periods. Sometimes one launders his own belongings; more often, he sends them to a commercial firm for cleansing purposes.

Catholics have a spiritual laundry -- Confession. This sacrament cleanses the soul of sin, of the guilt of both mortal and venial sins. Inspection time before Christ Our Leader is every moment. The Catholic uses Confession as a means of purifying himself before God.

The cleansing processes of confession are not similar to the process found at the tubs of the laundryman. A shirt does nothing to become cleansed other than let itself be subjected to the soap and water. No soul is cleansed merely by being brought to the vast pools of the Precious Blood in confession. A shirt can do nothing, but a soul can, and must. Christ has required of a soul that it come to confession with sorrow for sin and with resolution to avoid all sin and its occasions in the future.

Those who constantly fall into serious sins must check up on their sorrow. The mere recital of sin and its necessary details to a priest is not confession; it is mere story telling; certain novels relate almost the same violations of the Commandments. Without sorrow and firm purpose of amendment, of changing for the better, confession becomes no laundry, but a source of future stain. A bad confession is a sacrilege, it makes the soul more black, more worthy of the Divine Wrath.

Certain souls cannot understand why confessors and preachers unceasingly urge Catholics to take up the practice of frequent confession, weekly or bi-monthly. That is because they have come to consider confession as a mere laundry -- a place for getting rid of dirt, and only that.

Confession does more than clean; it also strengthens the soul for future battles. After a good confession, a penitent is more able to combat his old temptations because Christ His Leader has poured new fighting power into his soul. Our Lord, through frequent confession, had helped young men and women keep pure, and to return to perfect purity in case of relapses. Regular confession is part of the equipment of every sincere soldier of Jesus Christ.

How long have you remained away from this wonderful source of forgiveness and strength? You will never become better by running away from the special means of restoring your friendship with God, if that has been lost.

Confessions.

Mornings: At Mass in civilian halls; until 11:30 A.M. in Sorin (Use buzzer).

Evenings: At all 5:00 P.M. Masses

6:30 P.M. Basement Chapel

6:45 P.M. Mass in Dillon Chapel

7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. in Sorin and B-P Chapels

During 6:30/Rosary Devotions in Church

Week Day Masses.

Basement Chapel: 6:00 A.M., 6:50 A.M., Civilian Halls: 6:50 A.M. Sorin 7:20 A.M.

Evenings: 5:00 P.M. in all military halls; 6:45 P.M. in Dillon (except Sat. and Sun.)