

Four Reasons For Pre-Exam Prayer.

Success. This is perhaps the most compelling motive at the moment. God knows how to help the memory and the mind. Mass, Holy Communion and prayer put us in contact with Him. These will draw down God's favor and will give the student the confidence needed to study calmly and to face the hours of examinations with self-assurance. Prayer takes on greater power where it is done with perseverance and supported by sacrifice. There is perseverance in assisting at Mass and receiving Holy Communion for five days. The sacrifice comes from denying self sleep and rising on time for Mass.

To Do One's Best. "All I want is 70." Are you saying this? Are you going to work hard enough to get by and no more? This is to cheat God - He deserves your best; this is to cheat yourself - God gives little or no merit to second-rate work done for Him. The inclination to be lazy, indifferent and careless dogs everyone. Prayer is the only method of counterattack.

To sanctify the exams. Two Catholic students of equal intelligence can take the same examination. Both can pass with the same grade, perhaps a 100. Before the teacher and classmates these two seem to be on a par. Before God there can be a vast difference in the work done. God sees the heart. One heart may be writing the examination mainly to please Christ. The other student may write the examination motivated by mere human reasons: to pass, to show his talents. Some examinations appear before the Throne of God marked "Pagan", others "For Christ." God wants supernatural glory, and only by studying and acting for the love of Our Lord does one please God. A genius may write a perfect exam, but if he is pagan-minded, his efforts merit no heavenly reward. Don't let your study time go to waste. Pray, sanctify it by offering it to Christ.

Charity. Every circus has outstanding stars. They "stop the show," that is, when they take the stage all other acts cease, and the spotlight is turned on them. Stopping the show is good showmanship, but stopping the show for oneself by covering self with the spotlight of prayer is poor charity. Your friends are in need these days before and during the examinations. Pray for them. It's selfishness to think only of yourself.

Are You Working For Nothing?

Christ wants to reward every student for his long hours of study. His hands are tied when he finds mortal sin. God cannot reward an enemy; mortal sin does just that, makes one displeasing to Him. Are you in sin? Return to Christ by a good confession tonight: at Night Prayer, Basement Chapel: 6:30; Sorin and Cavanaugh all evening.

War Casualties.

(Deceased) (Rev) Aquinas T. Colgan, O. Carm. (GR '33-'36, Chicago, Ill.; Major Joseph W. Whelan, '27, Grantwood, N.J. (died in Denver); Pvt. Eugene Cronin, ex. '47, Brighton, Mass.; (died of wounds); Joseph P. Cagney, ex. '46, Oak Park, Ill. (died of wounds); Sgt. Robert L. Corum, ex. '45, South Bend, Ind.; Corp. George M. Wolfe, ex. '44, St. Albans, L.I. N.Y.

(Liberated) Capt. (Rev.) Francis L. Sampson, '37, Mac Gregor, Minn.; Lt. William J. Bogan, '41, Williamsville, N.Y.; Lt. Robert Grant, ex. '43, South Bend; Lt. John Taylor, ex. '41, South Bend; Lt. Edward Miller, ex. '42, Rochester, N. Y. (Prisoner) John Slattery, ex. '45, Norwalk, Conn.