

Temptations Against Following A Vocation.

"I'm too young." No college man is too young to enter a seminary. In one seminary in this country 65% of the clerics made their decision between the ages of 16 and 20. 18 seems to be the age of major choice.

"I'm not sure of myself." If you are making your decisions about your fitness without consulting a priest, you are making a big mistake. Your uncertainty could very well have no reasonable foundation. A little uncertainty is nearly always the experience of one who is about to make a new and important change in his way of living and earning his livelihood. Doctors and lawyers often feel hesitant about their first case.

"I'd much rather wait." Maybe you ought to wait another year before making a decision. Listen to what some priest says about your case. It is a fact that those who delay entering the seminary lose interest, and finally turn aside Christ's invitation.

"I'm no angel." Well, just how bad have you been? Are your present weaknesses of a serious nature? Tell the history of your case to your confessor and let him judge whether or not you have the qualities of virtue demanded in a priest.

"I'm too old." Twenty is not old, nor thirty. You have not been reading the Catholic papers recently otherwise you would have seen the story of a famous doctor who is now a priest and monk. Certainly you have heard of lawyers, business men and college graduates who have entered the priesthood. When the war was over, hundreds of war veterans began their studies for the priesthood; most of them were in their twenties.

"I think it would be hard for me to minister to the dying." Did you ever hear of the grace of state? That is the name given to the special help God gives everyone for the work He wants them to perform. This grace accompanies a priest to the confessional, to the dying, to the pulpit and to every detail of his priestly life.

"I hate Latin." You are not expected to be a genius. If you can pass commendably the subjects taught in a university, you will succeed in the seminary. Special courses are given to college men who have had no previous training in Latin.

Sunday Scandal.

A new high has been reached in the number of late-comers at Sunday Mass. Those who arrive even a little late, and no reasonable excuse, commit a venial sin. You are guilty of sinful negligence if you do not rise on time, if you leave your hall at the last minute, if you fool away time along the way. God demands reparation for every sin. You must make it here on earth by prayer, sacrifice or suffering or in Purgatory by suffering alone. God hates this sin.

PRAYERS: (deceased) former Prof. Desmond Fitz-Gerald (1st Anniv.) (Ill) mother of Paul Kloster (Ly). Three Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.