

Let's have no injuries in Saturday's game.... So

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...do your part and offer your Sat. Mass and Communion for the team.

Charms

Last Sunday an auto racing champion was killed in a collision. The newspaper account says that hospital attendants found the champion's lucky dime in his left shoe. He started the race with two pennines in his right shoe, but they were lost in the fatal crash.

This is a clear case of superstition. No metal piece has within itself hidden power to ward off accidents on a race track, or make a car outspeed competitors. It is pure nonsense to think that an inanimate object can perform such wonders. God sometimes uses objects as instruments of great effects. But nowhere has He promised such power to the use of coins.

Superstition dishonors God, because it is an action opposed to His Will. God has approved only one method of obtaining protection and favors -- by prayer. The person who goes outside the means established by God is certainly offending His Maker. Not a few Catholics have superstitious practices. Does your conscience tell you that you are placing your confidence in goodluck pieces?

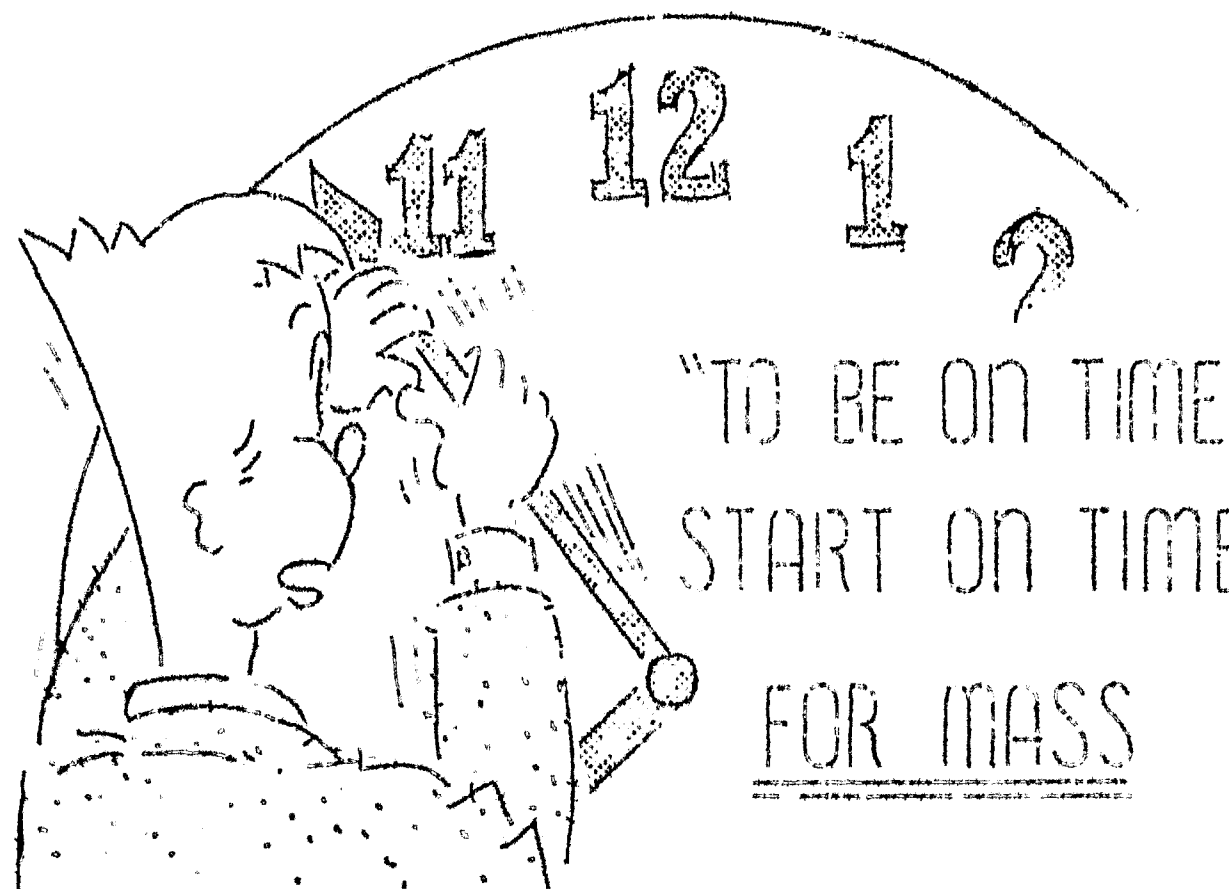
Don't think the Catholic medal is similar to the lucky dime. The Catholic medal has on it the image of Our Blessed Lord, Our Lady, some saint or angle. Catholics carry a medal for the same motive that one carries a photograph of the person he loves or admires. The photo and the medal are reminders of persons dear to them; a simple glance at them prompts thoughts of love, confidence and trust, and enlivens one spirit. From this use of the medal as a photo the medal is certainly good.

Medals do bring protection and special favors. The explanation is simple. Those up in Heaven know what is going on down here on earth. They know those persons who are paying them honor by wearing a medal. Such veneration moves the Heavenly Being to grant blessings in return. St. Christopher keeps a special protective eye on travellers, just to name the work of the one saint whose medals abound in automobiles, airplanes and ships.

Thus good fortune comes from wearing medals in virtue of prayer and devotion to the person honored. This is far from the idea of magic and the use of charms.

If a medal has been blessed by a priest, there exists another reason why the medal brings temporal and spiritual favors. Every blessing is a prayer, the prayer of the Catholic Church. When the priest blesses a medal, he prays that the person who uses it will find favor and blessing with God.

Learn to say a short prayer to the saint whose image is on your medals. Do this when you notice the medals on your person. The more fervent your devotion to the saint, the more will He bless you.



PRAYERS: (deceased) Mother Mary Bernard Laughlin, Superior General, Sisters of Providence, and former Pres. St. Mary of Woods; Geo. Kennedy, brother of Sister M. Helen, OSF. (ill) infant son of Mark A. Lonergan, '37, polio; Joe Walsh, '26 (Hines Hosp. Chicago) Five Special Intentions.