



HAVE YOU EVER MADE A CONVERT?

How To Make a Convert

Are you anxious to see your girl, or your father or mother or a close friend become a Catholic?

You ought to be. Because it is the desire of Our Blessed Lord that "All may be one." Many things go into the making of a convert. The chief element in every conversion is prayer.

There is a reason for stress on prayer. Faith does not come automatically after intelligent study. Faith is an outright gift of God. Study prepares the way for conversion. But alone the study of books on the Catholic religion has never made one a Catholic. Unless God gives one the power to believe there can be no true conversion.

For you the doctrines of the Church are very clear. That's because you have the gift of Faith, that is, the God-given power to believe without a shadow of doubt. You received the power at the moment you were baptised.

If you want to know why Catholic children are so quick to understand and accept Catholic teachings so quickly, it is because of the power in their soul. Faith gives children an ability to grasp the essentials of a doctrine.

Take one doctrine which children and you accept readily, the doctrine of the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Think of the consolation you have received from this one truth alone. When depressed or in need, you went to the chapel or church to talk matters over with Christ who was there on the altar.

Do you realize that millions of people do not even know Christ, let alone the experience of being consoled by Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Many of our own friends do not know Christ. Why not? Simply because they do not possess the Gift of Faith. You ought to have a great desire to share your joy with them. You are able to bring the Faith to others by prayer.

God will do wonders when you pray for others. He will lead them to the right material to read. He will help them overcome their prejudices. He will give them new lights on many point of religion. It remains for you to pray and to solicit prayers from others.

A most effective time to pray for converts is from January 18th to 25th. These eight days are dedicated in a special manner in the United States to prayer for Christian Unity. Millions will join in this crusade of prayer for converts. When you join this flow of petitions going up to Heaven, your prayers for your friends will take on a great efficacy.

The minimum you can do for the Crusade is to say the prayers in the Church Unity Octave leaflet. You find a leaflet in your hall chapel in the pews. If you have a convert prospect in whom you have a special interest, you ought to join Mass and Communion to your leaflet prayers.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) mother of Neal Murphy (Far); father of Ed Coleman (OC); mother of Prof. John FitzGerald (Anniv); brother of Floyd Blair (St.Eds), 4th Anniv. of plane accident. (Ill) sister of Sister Lucilla, CSC (Infirmary); sister of Father Cunningham, CSC, mother of John Broderick (Asst. Dean of Law); friend of Louis La Mair. Eight Special Intentions. Two Thanksgivings.