

Bring Your Rosaries
to Cavanaugh or Dillon
for ALL the Indulgences.

University of Notre Dame Sunday Sermon: PRAYER OF
Religious Bulletin ADORATION (Fr. Beichner at 7 & 9;
November 4, 1949 Fr. Schlitzer at 8,10:10 & 11:10)

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

(In submitting questions to the Editors of the Bulletin, one need not sign his name. The questions below were submitted during the past week. We regret the delay in reply.)

IS IT A SIN TO CHEAT IN SCHOOL WORK?.....Yes! A sin is an offense against the law of God. The cheater violates God's law of Justice. There is always mortal sin against any virtue when there are grave matter, full consent of the will and full knowledge of the wrong involved. The student who knowingly and deliberately cheats in a competitive examination (e.g., for a prize, a scholarship, etc.) commits a mortal sin and he is bound to make restitution if by his dishonesty he has deprived a more worthy competitor of the coveted award.

Ordinarily, cheating in a non-competitive exercise does not exceed a venial sin (e.g., quizzes, written assignments, etc.). But the man who reasons that he can and will continue to cheat in such matters because there is no mortal sin involved, is surely giving evidence of hypocrisy, selfishness and meanness of character. He is just as apt to cheat in other matters as he goes through life. He will cheat at games, he will not hesitate to goldbrick on his employer or employees, on public utilities, and even on his own wife and children.

Several venial sins do not necessarily accumulate to a mortal sin but unchecked venial sins will make mortal sin easier to commit. Christ said, "He that is unjust in that which is little will be unjust in that which is greater." (Luke XVI,10). One might compare unchecked venial sins to dust that accumulates on clothes, and if it is not brushed off, will spoil them. Most certainly the cheater is at best a luke-warm Catholic of whom the gentle Christ spoke thus: "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will begin to vomit thee out of My mouth." Pretty strong language coming from the Good Shepherd!

WHAT IS ALL THIS TALK ABOUT THE "HOLY YEAR"?...There will be several bulletins on the Holy Year later on in the winter. For the present we offer the following:

1) For the past several centuries there have been Holy Years celebrated in the Christian Church, although even in the Old Testament times Moses inaugurated several Holy Years not unlike the Christian ones. In those days the Jewish Leader suggested a moratorium of all debts, freedom for slaves and special prayers and sacrifices to God in thanksgiving for His blessings upon the chosen people.

2) Under the Christian dispensation the first Holy Year was probably inaugurated by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. At that time the Holy Father offered marvelous spiritual privileges and indulgences to those making a pilgrimage to the Holy City and to the tombs of the Apostles. During the pontificate of Clement VI a Holy Year every fifty years was inaugurated, and in the 15th century Pope Sixtus IV shortened the time between Holy Years so they would occur every twenty five years.

3) In our own time Pope Pius XI inaugurated three Holy Years, in 1925, 1929 and 1933, the latter date commemorating the 19th centenary of the Redemption. Last year Pope Pius XII appointed a committee to arrange for the coming Holy Year of 1950 which opens on Christmas Day 1949. Watch subsequent Bulletins for details about a possible Notre Dame Pilgrimage to Rome during this coming Holy Year!

Prayers: (Deceased): Mother of Dan Welsch(LY); friend of Louis Matt (BP); Rev. J. Maloney; Aunt of John Lonk (S); friend of Elmer Carvalho (S); ILL: Sister of Fr. P. Moore, CSC; brother of Ray Fagan (W); mother of Ed O'Malley (D); mother of W. Zupancic, '49; mother of W. J. Fitzpatrick, '37; friend of Ed Denning (S); friend of Bob Hofstatter (D); friend of J. Howley (BP).