

Note: 65 are interested in University of Notre Dame Consult your parents. A meet-
the pilgrimage to Rome. Read Religious Bulletin ing will be called after the
this week's SCHOLASTIC. December 14, 1949 holidays for further details

Advice To Non-Catholic Girls: Don't Marry Catholics!

An article in December's VARSITY "Are Mixed Marriages Advisable?" points out that all other things being equal, if you marry a Catholic, your marriage is more likely to end in divorce than if you had married someone of your own faith.

"The three religions (of Catholics, Protestants and Jews) share certain beliefs and traditions; but they also have radical differences. One difference, for example, lies in their attitude toward marriage. AND ONE SIMILARITY LIES IN THE FACT THAT EACH IS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO INTERFAITH MARRIAGES."

"....A study was made of 4,108 mixed and non-mixed marriages among the parents of college students in Michigan...Using separation and divorce as an index of failure, the study showed that mixed marriages in which both husband and wife hold to their separate religious faiths have a much higher rate of failure than other marriages, Where both parents were Catholic the divorce rate was lowest--only 4.4% ended in divorce. The highest divorce rate of all existed in marriages in which the husband was Catholic and the wife Protestant. Of this group 20.6% were divorced."

A similar survey, according to this article, was made of 6,500 families of parochial and public school children in Spokane. Here the investigator found a divorce rate of 3.8% among Catholics, 10% among Protestants, 17.4% in mixed marriages."

These are records of marriages which ended in total failure--separation or divorce. How many marriages there are which do not end in the divorce court or chancery office, where there is trouble because of mixed religion--the kind of trouble that breeds unhappiness and discontent, yet does not end in separation. Talk with your minister. Consult a Catholic priest. Read over the ALUMNI RELIGIOUS SURVEY. Study the new ALUMNI SURVEY which will be published some time next spring.

So, dearies, don't date Catholics. Then you'll never marry them. Furthermore.....

.....Don't Put Yourself On The Spot!

Your children will mean everything to you. Your loving care of them and their early moral training, especially in their tender years, will mean a sacred trust to be fulfilled faithfully. But how can you.....if you marry a Catholic? In virtue of sworn promises you will have to either tell your children, your own flesh and blood, against your convictions, that the Catholic Faith is the true one; or, in answer to their inevitable questions: WHY DON'T YOU GO TO MASS? WHY DON'T YOU GO TO CONFESSION? WHY DON'T YOU GO TO COMMUNION, MOMMY?--deny that you believe in the Catholic Church.

In the first case--you lie to your children. In the other--you wreck or weaken fatally their Catholic belief. Don't put yourself in that merciless position.

Question: What is obscenity in print? Asked by a freshman.

Answer: Ask your mother. That is one of the things you should have learned from her. Take her the magazine and if she passes on it it will be okay for you to read. Furthermore tell her that story youuu question as of color. If she approves then you may retell it. If you have not imbibed decency from your mother! Well! Notre Dame will be hard put trying to knock us into your thick head.

Prayers: (deceased) uncle of F. Evans (Wa); father of Augie Gentilucci, Jr. (Wa); mother of Ray, Don, Harry Miller; Mr. Ward A. Hillerich, ex-'28; friend of T. Digan (Morr); father of John Campbell (How); father of Dan Camry (How); mother of Jack Boyer, '49; uncle of Alfred Kuhlmann; uncle of Richard Noonan (O-C); father of Howard Phlin, '28; Joseph A. Fitzgerald, '29; George J. Schott, '47. Ill: father of Will Davidlow; 2 uncles of Dave, Driscoll (Alu); Fred Coffield; father of Bob Stewart (Dil); mother of Tom J. Kelley (Wal); Frank Finn (Wash. D.C. accident) near death. Special Intention 12.