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"Chain Me Down".

It is well to pray publicly and privately for a worthy cause. It is commendable to encourage others to pray for the spiritual and temporal needs of anyone.

But when the instigators, in soliciting your prayers, warn you not to break the chain, otherwise you may have bad luck, such as losing \$5,100; or, if you don't break it, that you will have good luck for four days after receiving the chain letter--then it is high time to destroy the letter--break the chain--because it is superstitious.

Pilgrimage To Rome.

The best price for an all-expense pilgrimage to London, Paris, Lourdes, Fatima and Rome is \$604. We are lining up final arrangements for 80 pilgrims--two plane-loads. It is important that we have at least 80. And it is also important that you notify The Prefects of Religion at once if you can and may take this trip. As far as purchasing PILGRIM PASSAGE is concerned, you will not have to commit yourself finally until three weeks from today. (Married Vets and their wives are invited.)

Going Up!

The latest figures available for the Novena for the Holy Father are: Masses--23,039; Holy Communion--24,168; Posaries--24,175; Station of the Cross--7,417; Aspirations--206,051; Visits to the Blessed Sacrament--32,315.

A Delightful Puncture.

In the January 8th issue of the Dever Register, Paul Hallett (Column of Comment) enlarges upon T.S. Hyland's article "Fruitful Mountaineers" in December 26, 1949, Life:

Hyland: "The most striking fact about Leslie County (Ky.) is not how many babies its people have but how much they enjoy having them...'You find some women who are just as happy as larks having a baby every year,' I was told by a somewhat baffled nurse who had in earnest and in vain, preached the gospel (of Planned Parenthood). 'If you tell them that they don't have to have any more, they rear back insulted and say, 'I'm going to have my number out.'"

Hallett: "What better proof of the unnaturalness of birth control than the reactions of these simple people who have earned the admiration of even Planned Parenthood for their independence and dignity, their never-failing faith that the Lord will provide....Leslie County is 100% non-Catholic....Hyland makes a delightful puncture in the smug assumption that the "superior people have the fewest babies."

Hyland: "For the last two generations or so some groups have bred so poorly as to incur the suspicion that they viewed their own extermination as a public good. Genuine mental defectives are on the whole poor breeders--about as poor as editors, writers, artists, teachers, doctors, bankers and lawyers."

Question: "Why do some fellows around here become the worst Catholics."

Answer: In the spiritual life there is no standing still. You are either getting better or getting worse. Many graces from daily Mass and Communion are offered here. The more graces you reject, the worse you become. So--"It is far better for you to go to hell from a state university than from Notre Dame--your responsibility is less when your ignorance is greater."

Prayers: (deceased) friend of Richard Feldpausch (Alu); nephew of Mrs. Z. Kwatick; John Buckley. Ill: (Daily remembrance) aunt of Ben Patterson (O-C). Sp. Int.--7.