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Personality for Leadership.

Not many years ago Dr. Henry Link conducted a study of what we call PERSONALITY. He did not have in mind personality understood in the sense of Scholastic philosophers, but rather in the sense of qualification for leadership: "The extent to which one is able to interest and influence other people. A brief of his study:

A range and variety of acquired skills are necessary to personality. "The full use of one's physical energies during the day seems to be one of the basic factors in acquiring an effective personality." Those who take part in competitive games, those who belong to orchestras, bands, glee clubs, debating societies, etc., have a strong advantage.....The habit of remembering and repeating good stories, of introducing people to each other, of going around with a group, of refraining from so-called frank criticisms of other people, of trying to meet people, of serving on committees--all these contribute to a high P.Q. (personality quotient)....."Discipline emerges as the underlying factor in developing a good personality." Those who do what they please, as they please, usually have an inferior personality. Those who do many things they do not like to do, and do them because they are right and necessary develop a high P.Q.....Those who manifest a low P.Q. are often tired and don't feel like doing anything. The less they do the less they feel like doing. Such ones are inclined to sulk and lose their temper when things don't suit them. They interrupt conversations, criticize others and resent criticisms of themselves.....Those who work for their money rank higher than those who receive allowances. The Gimme Children tend to have a definitely lower P.Q.....

Suppose we add God's grace to Dr. Link's analysis and give it a supernatural twist. God's grace undoubtedly supplies new powers and responsibilities. Christian personality, then, considered as an ability for leadership, is the extent to which disciples of Christ are able to interest, influence and lead others to what is supernatural.

Underlying this aspect of Catholic leadership is the motive power of a divine commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." True love is productive. An inactive love is non-existent. True love will not only be affective but effective--that is, it will produce results, diffuse itself outwardly by a divine extroversion through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. By their fruits you shall know them, said Our Lord. External activity is a test of genuine love of neighbor.

Fundamental preparation for needed Catholic leadership is a more or less high degree of christian perfection. To lead others--not drive them in the physical sense of brute force, economic power, or brass knuckles--the potential leader must first learn to lead himself. To lead others to Christ, he himself must be following Him.

Therefore, Notre Dame aims to train Catholic leaders by forming her students into true followers of Christ. How? By providing abundant opportunities for knowing and loving Him. By urging from September till June devotion to Christ in the Mass and union with Him in Holy Communion. Life toward God is an approach towards a goal. Either the student improves that condition or he deteriorates. If union with Christ is progressively intensified, then he must withdraw from persons, places and things (occasions and causes of sin) that impede him in his sweep Godward. Self-denial, or Christian mortification, takes care of that. Prayer is the point of first contact. Prayers: (deceased) Celia Whalen; Harry Jones, '12; aunt of Donald Romano (Dil); father of Edgar Anderson, '40; uncle of R. Novitsky (Ly); friend of Tom Stolze (Sor); grandmother of Tom Kennedy (Ba); brother of M. McGuire (Ba); aunt of B. Klee (Ba); brother of Sister Rose Bernard, CSC; priest friend of R. Horan (Dil); aunt of J. Harford (Dil). Ill, mother of Rev. T. (Alumni) Brennan, CSC; niece of Bro. Bertrand, CSC. Special Intentions - 9.