

"Thanks to the boys who
prayed for our infant son
Michael. He had a miraculous...

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...cure from spinal meningitis
after they started praying."
--Bill Middendorf, '43.

Think This Over!

To set aside a sum of money in your last will and testament for Masses to be said after your death is a praiseworthy act of charity. You will certainly alleviate your suffering in Purgatory, that is, if you are in Purgatory. But these same Masses will not increase the degree of eternal glory you had coming to you at the moment of death. They will only hasten your entrance into heaven.

To have Masses celebrated for yourself before you die, as a matter of fact, may be the determining grace you will need to save your soul. You will receive more than sufficient grace to escape hell and to increase your glory. But, if you are damned, one thousand Masses will not soften one degree Hell's fire or shorten one minute an everlasting eternity.

On the other hand, one single Mass celebrated for you before your death may be the balance of grace you will need to make a good confession, avoid an occasion of grave sin, overcome a habit of mortal sin, become a daily communicant, save your soul.

Random Shots In The Arm.

Graduating seniors should be considering making a general confession of their life, if they have not made one already.

The obligation to hear the WHOLE Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation binds under pain of sin, so much so that you are obligated to make up the part missed at another Mass if there be one. Therefore, plan to be at Mass early.

Before entering the confessional make your act of contrition. Spend more time making acts of sorrow for sin than you do examining your conscience. The important part in confession is SORROW FOR SIN AND PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT. No sin is ever forgiven without sorrow. Proof of sorrow is the earnest and sincere resolve to avoid this or that occasion of sin in the future.

Don't make vague resolutions. Be specific. The general resolution to be kind to everyone doesn't work. It's too easy to overlook the one person toward whom you have shown unkindness. Hence, the resolution to sin no more, to be effective of results, must produce specific resolutions aimed at particular occasions of sin.

Have you ever accused yourself of not studying your Faith as a necessary preliminary to practicing it? . . . of doing nothing to foster Christian ideas in your environment? . . . of failing to realize that as a Catholic college student you have an obligation to be of assistance to God, His Church, yourself--to be of some value intellectually? . . . of making no attempt to develop your personality and personal dignity as a child of God and as a militant soldier of Christ?

A sound test of character is your willingness to stand for right principles of conduct, even though such principles are unpopular with certain types of students. One of the most challenging obstacles in the way of developing your spiritual life is the constant fear of the opinion of others--called HUMAN RESPECT. How much a slave are you to the opinion of others? Are you fearful of minor persecutions from your friends when you are determined to act more Christ-like in word and deed?

If you have in mind making a general confession, don't wait until the crowded Sunday Masses when a dozen or more are standing in line and the time is limited. You will experience greater freedom and less hurry if you go at any other time.

Prayers: (deceased) father of Ed Sullivan. Ill, recovery of a special friend of the University. Special Intentions - 15.