

Ill: Bob Flanning, '47; wife University of Notre Dame ...of John Shafer (O-C);
of Bill Hawley (O-C); Bro. Religious Bulletin father of Pat Gallagher (Sor);
Gaudentius, C.F.X.; mother.... November 7, 1950 mother of Don Diebold (Alu).

We Are Responsible.

. . . . for the words we ought to have said and did not; for the things we ought to have done and did not do; for the things we ought to have uprooted and left grow; for the things we ought to have planted and did not plant --Cardinal Pole,

Use this choice bit of sage advice in your weekly examination of conscience. Sins of omission often are glossed over. Not doing what God wants you to do can be as sinful as doing what He does not want you to do. Take the sin of detraction: if a person's character is maligned in your presence do you say nothing in his defence? If you neglect to pray for the Poor Souls do you accuse yourself of dereliction in duty to your dead? You know your faults. Are you doing nothing to overcome them? Are you planting seeds of devotion for Christ in the Eucharist? You will be held responsible for graces offered and then rejected.

On The Shortage Of Vocations.

The shortage is drastic. As a vocation you may be uninterested in the priesthood or the religious life, but the day is not far off when the shortage of vocations will affect you one way or another.

To care for our growing Catholic population there are not enough priests to man additional parishes, not enough chaplains in the armed forces, not enough Sisters teaching in the grades, not enough brothers conducting high schools, not enough missionaries journeying to foreign countries. A billion heathens in the world (not including the ones around here) have not had the Gospel preached to them.

You Have Thought Of The Priesthood?

Examination time may be inappropriate to bring up the thought of the priesthood. Anyhow, some years ago a Survey of the student body indicated that 71% at one time or another had thought of becoming priests.

Another question was asked in the same Survey: Why do students give up the idea of becoming priests? Of those who replied 24% had never entertained the idea seriously. . . . 11% still retained the idea. . . . 14% gave it up because the world lured them. . . . 10% gave it up because they lacked a vocation. . . . 11% gave it up because they felt unfit, (who doesn't?). . . . 8% gave it up because they felt unworthy. . . . 5% gave it up because they didn't like it. . . . 5% gave it up because they outgrew it. . . . 3% gave it up because of girls. . . . 2% gave it up because of scandal. . . . 1% gave it up because of financial reasons. . . . 6% gave various other reasons.

The student trying to decide his vocation needs the friendly advice of an experienced priest. Another Survey showed that boys were reluctant to seek such advice. Of the total number who had thought about the priesthood, 60% had never sought advice on this important matter. The remaining 40% had asked or received without asking, at least some advice on their vocation.

Free Advice.

If percentages taken in former years hold true today there are many students who are debating the pros and cons. Regardless of what your vocation is, priestly or not, say a prayer daily for the proper choice of your state in life, receive the sacraments frequently, seek advice regularly from the same priest. . . . A religious vocation is not a choice between something bad and something good, but between something good and something better. Don't fight such a vocation unless you fight for it. The salvation of a thousand souls may depend upon your decision.

Prayers: Professor Philip Riley of the Language Department died early Sunday morning.