

Novena for Poor Souls starts University of Notre Dame tomorrow. Deposit list of Religious Bulletin deceased in box today. November 8, 1950

Holy Hour tomorrow for draftees. (John Kelly operated for appendicitis.)

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Advice To A Correspondent Who "Swears".

To swear means to take an oath. Swearing is not profaning, although "swearing" covers a multitude of sins of the tongue. Profanity means strictly the profaning, or turning to improper uses, the Name of God. It is likewise used loosely to include a throng of vulgarisms and smutty ejaculations.

Make up your mind that profanity can be cured. If your non-Catholic friend is scandalized by the "language" used around here, yours included, introduce him to your better self and to better bred companions who respect the sacredness of the Name of God and Jesus Christ.

Genuine Catholics are disgusted by foul language and the disrespectful, abusive misuse of the name of God. If you or your malapert friends were not indoctrinated at your mother's knee with respect for God and everything connected with Him and religion --let your indoctrination take place here on your knees at the altar rail.

A Treatment Instead Of A Treat.

To cure a habit of profanity radical treatment instead of a treat is sometimes necessary, but the best treatment comes from within, not from without, like a whollop on the head. Be convinced that the habit is not so thoughtless as rationalizers might think. Local mountebanks do not mouth their hells and damns, their God-thises and God-thats, their # \$ % and \* @ ? around family circles unless they be vicious. If environment serves as a wholesome check, what more effective environmental check could there be than the sacramental presence of Christ living in every hall, than the Lady of the Golden Dome who symbolizes what is clean, decent and pure?

If the presence of mother or girl friend is more effective than the presence of God in the soul, what kind of religion is that? Can the habit of profanity be totally unconscious if it is consciously omitted in the presence of a lady?

Profanity Is Remediable.

Every vicious habit will yield under the pressure of rough treatment. Self-denial is the remedial medicine that cures self-indulgence. Penalize yourself before God penalizes you in the scorching tongues of purgatorial fires. The following remedies that work are suggested: 1) Daily Communion, the Food of the strong; 2) A system of self-imposed fines; 3) A set of rigid rules made and enforced by mutual agreement in each room on campus; 4) Alms for the Poor Souls.

Keep a blank card on your desk. After returning to your room put a check on the card for each profane slip of the tongue. Let each mark represent 5¢, or 10¢ if you mean business. At the end of the week tally your totals and have Masses said for the most abandoned soul in purgatory. Take the fine out of your spending money. Don't post a bill to your dad: DEAR DAD, PLEASE SEND ME FIVE BUCKS FOR PROFANITY. . . Through this system of self-imposed fines three ends are accomplished: 1) Curing an unnecessary, unbecoming, sinful habit; 2) A lesson in self-denial--sacrificing spending money; 3) Alms (Masses) for the Poor Souls. (The Novena begins tomorrow.)

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HOLY HOUR TOMORROW: The turn for the worse in Korea is ominous. Are you eligible for the kill? Will you "get the works" this year or next? In the face of this obvious danger why not an Hour of Prayer? Holy Hour tomorrow for draftees! Make friends with the Saints and influence God. If the III World War pops, how many will be shot!

Prayers: (deceased) mother of Father Reith, CSC; father of C.Rudd (Za); friend of Tom Cusack, '50; father of J.Martin, '47; cousin of Father Healy; friend of J.Flanagan(Dil); father of Tom Moran; grandfather of J.M.Deegan, '50; aunt of Geo.Kelly(Far); father of Mike and John Perrino (How); Mrs. James Clancy; Mrs.W.B.Recker; uncle of Ray Voreo; aunt of Bro. Emery, Ill, uncle of F.Brice (Dil); C.A.Sporl; father of Bro.Wilburt.