

Keep Father Butler and Jim  
Aoki in your prayers.

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### Aggressive Catholics.

To have aggressive Catholicism first we must have aggressive Catholics. "If you want to do something for your country, your Church," declares convert-news-paperman John W. DeVine, "start practicing an aggressive Catholic attitude. Take advantage of every opportunity to break down the 'superstitious beliefs' that Protestants have built about the Catholic Church."

If Catholics are to convert the world, let them convert themselves to aggressiveness. The world in which we live is made better by making ourselves better. If hatred of Christ's truth is a more destructive influence than the love of His truth is a constructive force, it is because we do not love Christ enough to become His Apostles.

If our faith isn't strong enough to fight for, it may not be strong enough for us to save our necks. If love of God isn't hot enough to warm our own souls, it will never be the fire that will enkindle the soul of the world. If our fraternal charity is so weak that it won't keep us from scandalizing our neighbors, it will never be strong enough to cover the multitude of our sins.

When will slumbering Apostles be aroused? Look at Russia. Look at the Balkans. Look at China. Look at the 50,000 casualties in Korea. Atheism is militant today as never before. Attacks on Christianity mean attacks on Christians, particularly Catholics. The Church will never fail--we have the promise of Christ that it will not. But Christians will fail, if they don't begin to preach Christ in the marketplace.

Watch yourself. There is no middle ground today. As far as Christ is concerned, you are either for Him or against Him. No saints will be martyred in the No-Man's-Land of indifference and apathy. "In any crisis of civilization," says Monsignor Sheen, "the bad get worse and the good get better."

How much time do we give to God ungrudgingly, preparing ourselves to be Apostles? The Son of Man had not "where to lay his head," although the foxes have holes and the birds of the air nests. We have our good times--and we want them more exciting. We have money--and we are studying how to make more. We have comforts and luxuries--and we are never satisfied. If we don't get what we want or have our own way, we feel frustrated and shadow-box in the "griper's corner." We have time for dancing, dating, movies, and weekends--but we have no time to make a decent preparation and proper thanksgiving after Communion. We learn ALL ABOUT EVE but not enough about another Eve, called Mary, who is the Mother of Christ whose disciples we claim to be.

Today God wants proof of discipleship. Action! IF YOU LOVE ME, DON'T STAND AROUND ALL THE DAY IDLE--WORK! "If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross daily and follow Me." Daily. Can you take it?

### Did You Note The Worried Look?

Has the war news and the worry of your hitch in the Service gotten into your father's hair? Is he turning grey around the temples? It's good to ask that question now. The feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph is Wednesday: Begin the novena for your dad.

This suggestion may fall on selfish ears. The novena for Mother's Day brings 500 or 600 more Communions a day than the Christmas novena for parents. We draw only one conclusion--father must be a drudge. Why not give him a break? You don't expect to be a mother, do you? Do you look forward to having ungrateful children, sons who will regard you as a checking account. . . Throw him a line, if you will, but this time make it a line-up of Masses and Communions and Rosaries nine days in a row.

Prayers: (deceased) uncle of Bill Prindiville; Mary Lyons. Ill, friend of Chuck Farmer (Sor). Operation, mother of a priest. 1 Thanksgiving. 2 Special Intentions.