

Ill, Father Laskowski; Mr. Jerome Crowley; Father Henry Kemper (Texas).

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Rosary and Benediction at 5.  
(Missals. . . missals. . .  
missals--have you got one?)

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Share Your Faith.

Pope Pius XII visualized the Holy Year as the year of The Great Return--the return of millions to God. He called upon the atheist, the pagan, the agnostic, the lapsed Catholic, the non-Catholic, the Jew, all men, in fact, to return to the unity of the One True Faith.

The responsibility of bringing all men into the Mystical Body of Christ belongs first of all to the Hierarchy, whose mission is to teach, rule and sanctify. By divine mandate bishop and priest must preach the word of God to all men. With limited exceptions this is practically impossible.

The late Pius XI said: "We grieve that the clergy is quite insufficient to cope with the needs of our times. . . Hence it is necessary that all men be apostles; it is necessary that the Catholic laity do not stand idle, but be united with their bishops and obey their orders; that they take their share in the holy warfare; and that by complete self-dedication, prayer and action, they cooperate for the reflowering of faith and Christian reformation of morals."

There are favorable signs on campus that many students are aware of their responsibility to share the Faith. Some eighty or more have signed up for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach catechism in local parochial areas; the Third Order of St. Francis is active with an increased membership; Y. C. S. has an ambitious program; the Liturgical Life group, currently planning to spread devotion to the Mass, is intensifying its knowledge of the Liturgy. Then there are others, not affiliated with any special group, who have made inquiries about "spreading the faith."

Results!

Action Now, notes two interesting items. One: as a result of their religious advertisement program the Knights of Columbus have received 750,000 inquiries of which 633,308 were from the United States, 49,650 from Canada, and 4,291 from other countries. They've even slipped behind the Iron Curtain, receiving one inquiry from Russia.

The other is about a Catholic chap, down in Texas, who is blind. He gets others to read to him and insists that they always read but one book, The Faith of Our Fathers. As a result of this six out of his nine readers have become Catholics. Five of them --note this!--have become priests.

There are all kinds of stories about Catholics who have influenced converts. Passing on Catholic pamphlets, leaving them in trains, railway stations, in libraries, have produced results. Douglas Hyde, English Communist leader, began reading the back issues of a Catholic paper to bolster up a libel suit which had been filed against him. As a result of it all he finally found himself in the Church. . . Charles Warren Stoddard found his way into the Church through a Catholic catechism which somehow got mixed up with the anti-Catholic books in his library.

World's Worst Salesmen?

If you are on your toes you too can win converts, can plant the seed from which a true conversion will grow. Let's not plead guilty to the charge, made some years ago by a newly baptized convert: "Catholics are the world's worst salesmen. . . I would have been a Catholic long ago had I known what I was missing. I could have been sold early. So can thousands of non-Catholics. The main trouble is that too many Catholics haven't the enterprise of even a dealer in second-hand cars."

Prayers: (deceased) father of Dave Humm (Cav); mother of Rev. Vincent McCauley, C.S.C.; aunt of Guy Anderson (Far); Dr. Helen Wisnow. Ill, uncle of Jack Manning (Wal).