

Inquiring Minds.

"How can one tell if a magazine is smutty?" . . . The League for Clean Reading is a National Movement of civic and church groups formed to encourage wholesome reading and to discourage the distribution, or sale of all reading matter which (1) Glorifies crime or criminals; (2) Is "sexy" or features illicit love; (3) Contains illustrations suggestive or indecent; (4) Carries disreputable advertising. . . You should have no trouble with points 1 & 4. If there are detailed questions about points 2 & 3, consult your mother. If you don't trust her judgment you won't trust ours.

"I think the Legion of Decency is too narrowminded about B pictures." . . . It's okay in a football game to kick when you are in doubt. Not so with regard to the ratings of the Legion of Decency. . . "A friend that is a mocker, is like a stallion horse: he neigheth under every one that sitteth upon him." --Ecclus. 33,6.

"I can judge for myself what movies are bad." . . . Before or after you see them? Do not let your prayer be like that of the Pharisee: "I am not like the rest of men." . . . Read the story of the Fall in Genesis. Satan in the form of a serpent tempted Adam and Eve: Ye shall be as gods, deciding for yourselves what good and evil shall be. . . You know what happened to them! They fell--badly.

"What do you mean by honor?" Certainly not what Anthony meant of Brutus: "For he is an honorable man." . . . Dr. J. G. Vance suggests three rules which bind men of honor. 1) Keep your work--this pertains to truthfulness and honesty; 2) Never be unduly self-seeking--this concerns the 2nd Commandment of the Law: "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" 3) Never take an unfair advantage--this pertains to justice, respecting the rights of others.

"It's not your duty to rebuke us for poor manners." . . . It may be an ineffective way to win friends and influence students, but the Book of Proverbs says this: "Rebuke not a scorner lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee." We'll take our chances with the scorners and place the blue chips on the wise.

"How can I tell if I have true sorrow for my sins?" . . . By your purpose of amendment, which is judged by your efforts to avoid this sin or that sin in the future. Remorse alone is not sufficient for absolution. Both Peter and Judas sinned grievously. Both were remorseful, but both were not forgiven. Peter amended his life; Judas didn't. Our Lord said of Judas that he went to his own place. Peter was forgiven and Our Lord made him first Pope. . . . A practical way to judge your sorrow is your honest attempt to avoid sin and your sincere efforts to receive the Sacraments frequently, if not daily. Naturally, daily reception is more indicative of sincerity than frequent, weekly or monthly reception.

"How come some fellows never read the Bulletin." . . . Maybe they are engineers--too busy. . . Or, there are some persons who when they are sick do not want the doctor to tell them what's wrong. "A wise son heareth the doctrine of his father; but he that is a scorner, heareth not when he is reproved." --Prov. 13,1.

Thanksgiving Day Holy Hour, 4:30. To thank God is an act of worship. We are so intent on ourselves, so afflicted with gimmaitis, so tangled up with trivialities that we quickly lose sight of reality--our obligation to thank God for His benefits. We are like "parasites" on the Mystical Body, always receiving but giving nothing in return. . . Of the ten lepers Our Lord mercifully cured, only one returned to say THANKS. . . . Gratitude to God, at least, gives us a greater right to beg.

Prayers: (deceased) grandfather of George Weber (O-C); mother of John Barry (Dil); mother of Larry O'Mara (How); aunt of Prof. Vincent Smith. Ill, friend of Bob Nequette; 3-year-old granddaughter of Mr. I. A. O'Shaughnessy; Chuck Cypher (Mor.) 2 sp. int.