
Catching Up With The Male.

To Joe of Alumni. It is true Our Lord said, "If you will enter into life, keep the commandments," but He also said, "Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat." It is precarious to suppose that merely avoiding mortal sin is assurance enough you will enter by the narrow gate. Setting for yourself the standard of conduct that "anything goes provided it is not mortal sin" ignores experience and defies all rules for spiritual growth.

The basic requirement for saving your soul is the state of grace, just as the basic diet for not dying is just eating enough to live. But a diet just short of starvation is not sufficient to maintain good health and a robust condition.

Take the friendship you have with the girl you intend to marry. You try to perfect that friendship. The more you love her, the more you want to please her. She would break the engagement if your friendship meant nothing more than not making her sore at you.

By the 1st Commandment we are to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and body. What kind of love is this that says to God: "To prove how much I love you, God, I'll drink intemperately but never get theologically drunk. . . I'll cheat and chisel but never in amounts that are serious. . . I'll never murder anyone but those I dislike I'll punch in the nose. . . I'll get to Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation, but as long as it's not mortal sin to come late up to the Offeratory, I'll play safe and come in right after the sermon. . . What does the Church say about Holy Communion? Once a year at Easter time! Yes, I'll make my Easter Duty. . . "

That may be the philosophy of life of some Catholics, but it is not the Catholic philosophy of life. The mortal sin complex oversimplifies what it takes to save your soul. Its theory does not work out in practice. Don't try it. Deliberate, habitual venial sin pre-disposes the soul for mortal sin.

To the Knight of Columbus. The total poundage of discarded clothing for the Koreans was 625 pounds. Thanks to the collectors, contributors and the anonymous donors of \$7.

To Cheesecake: Step on the toes of a heel and he'll squeal. What do you care if he howls. Tell 'em off. You're on safe ground. Ask him what else is wrong with him.

To R.P. You need to know more about Social Justice, to adjust your thinking to the mind of the Church on the Social Question. Read the Encyclical Anniversary Issue of the Catholic Mind--at the pamphlet racks. Of particular interest for you is the article SOCIAL ECONOMICS OF POPE PIUS XII by John F. Cronin, S.S. You can't run away from your social obligations and responsibilities. You have to face up to them; you must take a stand. Read the pamphlet INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE. It will give you a beginning in realizing your individualistic thinking.

Use the Leaflet Missal. It has been tried before; it will be tried again. The Leaflet Missal will be in your pews next Sunday. The Mass of the Sunday will be easy to follow. An extra 2¢ in the collection basket will help pay for them. This may surprise some - we have known of some students mentally old enough to be in college but so ignorant of what the Mass is and what to do at Mass that they read the morning mail or glance through the sport section of the Sunday paper--during Mass. . . Some day they may have hell to pay for their inattention and discourtesy to Christ. . . Following the Mass with the missal on Sundays may be the first intelligent step toward following it daily with a daily missal.

Prayers: (deceased) James A. Toohy, '08; uncle of Jerry Yentz (Ho); grandmother of George Thomas (O-C); father of Francis Haile; young Jack Shields of St. Louis, fatally injured in football game. Ill, Mr. J. C. Brumbaugh; grandmother of Jim Noonan.