

"Those who don't want God
get the Devil."

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When tempted let even your
coins remind you: "In God we
trust."

Not Dumb But Dumbfounded?

A freshman was taken aback when he was told he did not have to go to confession every time he wanted to receive Holy Communion. The conditions for daily reception have been given before; they are set down again, as follows:

1. The state of grace. Freedom from mortal sin. Freedom from venial sin is not required. No man this side of the grave is immune from sins of weakness and frailty. The Eucharist is the Food of the Strong for the weak and the strong.
2. A good intention. It has been said that hell is paved with good intentions. The path to the altar rail is too. The difference between the two ways is the state of grace. The Decree on Holy Communion explains this condition: "He who approaches the holy table should do so, not out of routine or vain-glory, or human respect, but for the purpose of pleasing God, of being more closely united with Him by charity, and of seeking this Divine remedy for his weaknesses and defects. . . ."
3. Fitting preparation and thanksgiving. This third requirement is not a condition for valid and licit reception but for more profitable reception. "The Sacraments. . . produce a greater effect in proportion as the dispositions of the recipient are better; therefore, care is to be taken that Holy Communion be preceded by careful preparation, and followed by a suitable thanksgiving, according to each one's strength, circumstance and duties."

Pamphlets Don't Grow On Trees In Brooklyn.

If they did there would be no need to give the bill collector the bum's rush till Christmas. The Bulletin has no taste for bullyragging the elite about the surplus of copper in the coin box. We agree with the plaintiffs that pamphlets are expensive. We know that. That's why the contributions do not cover the deficits and why the Pamphlet Racks always run in the red.

Use The Leaflet Missal.

But kindly leave them in the pews for use during subsequent Masses. Let's see if we can't overcome this apathetic attendance at Sunday Masses on the part of those who do not have a daily missal. If this way of participating in the Mass intelligently corrects the lassitude of late-comers the enterprise will be well worth its cost.

"Prayer Is Good With Fasting And Alms."

Every so often we get an impatient knock on the door and a boy comes in to ask why his prayers are not being answered. We can't always tell him right off just why God is holding out on him. But this question does remind us to point out an aspect of prayer one is apt to forget. Investigation in such cases usually shows that the boy is pious but spoiled. He learned his prayers but never learned the need of self-sacrifice simply because his parents had tried to anticipate his wishes. Now when he wants something his parents can't give, he gets peevish with God because God is possibly teaching him a lesson his parents had neglected.

Hence this bit of advice. If you want results from your prayers, results from Mass and Holy Communion, do not approach God with an attitude of "all take" and "no give." This lesson of sacrifice where sacrifice hurts does not appeal to youth. And yet youth, when properly trained, is capable of great sacrifice. So get in shape!

Prayers: (deceased) mother of John Barry, mother-in-law of Bernard Voll; Joseph Weiss, '37; Ensign Bernard Kelsey, '50; Clement C. Mitchell, '02. 6 sp. ints.