

Are God's commandments too difficult to observe? "For this is the love of God. . .

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. . . that we keep His commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome."

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Cain tried to shrug off his responsibility—and his guilt—when God wanted to know what happened to Abel. You are your brother's keeper, in that you are a social person and live in the society of other men. You are bound to give good example in a positive, constructive way and avoid leading him into sin.

We are all bound by divine command to love our neighbor as ourselves. The catechism lists nine ways in which we can offend against fraternal charity:

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| 1. By counsel or suggestion; | 6. By silence when you should dissuade or rebuke; |
| 2. By command; | 7. By connivance in sinful plans; |
| 3. By consent or approval; | 8. By partaking in the sin itself; |
| 4. By praise or flattery; | 9. By defending the evil done. |
| 5. By provocation or incitement; | |

This is an examination of conscience that is often forgotten. Have you ever led another person into sin by suggesting attendance at immoral shows, by coaxing another into getting half-tight, by passing on a lewd book or magazine? Or have you scandalized others by coming late for Sunday Mass or leaving Mass early?

Such sins of commission will be avoided if there is a common-sense effort to practice fraternal charity. A sins of omission will be shunned if love of neighbor is more positive and aggressive.

100 Million.

It is estimated that 90% of the 100 million churchless persons in this country would welcome a friendly approach from Catholics. Father John A. O'Brien of the Notre Dame faculty has much more to say about this in his book "Sharing the Faith."

The role of the laity—don't point your finger at the other guy—in winning converts to Christ is a recurring theme in his book. "The layman can, and should, and must share in the great work of gathering in the white harvest of souls, and often enough in the very planting of the first seeds," comments Archbishop Cushing of Boston.

In 22 years—1926 to 1948—the Catholic Church in the U.S. received 1,462,152 converts. But to win the 100 million churchless people in the U.S. the number would have to be raised beyond the million mark annually. This can be done only with the active cooperation of 30,000,000 Catholic laity.

"Catholic Mind and Protestant Heart".

If God asks you on Judgment Day what you have done to "Share your faith", this answer, "Am I my brother's keeper?" will not be a good one. Clare Boothe Luce, noted convert, in the current issue of the Catholic Digest discusses the problem of winning converts and influencing them favorably toward the church.

"Our Lord's great Commandment was not to argue with one another, but to love one another, as He has loved us. . . My best advice to the average apostolic layman is this. Provide your prospect liberally with reading matter addressed to the point that troubles him, in the shape of books, articles, and pamphlets. . . Do not try to digest these for him in a brief conversational encounter. Be content to correct, delicately and kindly, any glaring or prejudicial error, but don't argue doctrine at length, not in the beginning, with potential converts."

Prayers (deceased) aunt of Jim Morrison (Sor); Dr. Edward Mahin, retired professor, former head of metallurgy department; father of Fr. Jerome Boyle, C.S.C., III, Sister Mary Amadeo, C.S.C.; Jim Aoki. One (1) urgent special intention.