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When The Saints Come Marching In

Occasionally the Bulletin calls your attention to the courtesy that should prevail in God's house. Sometimes we mention violations of the rubrics that are prescribed for Mass, and for other ceremonies. These violations, obviously, are not sinful; but their observance manifests a regard for proper decorum in our mode of worship. They make for good order, too, where hundreds are concerned. And where hundreds are involved, good order and decorum are essential. Furthermore, every Catholic of university calibre should be well informed on the liturgy and the various Catholic ceremonies. When you return to your parish, the Altar and Rosary Society will presume that whatever you do is correct, and will imitate you.

That's why the Bulletin occasionally comments on your external appearance, and comportment, and reminds you that you should make it a point to be on time for Mass; that you should stand at a Missa Cantata whenever the priest chants a part of that Mass; that you should not move through the church once Mass has begun, because your movement is a distraction to others; that you should approach the Communion rail immediately after the Domine non sum dignus, in order that you may be kneeling when the priest turns and recites the prayers before Communion; that you should receive Communion and depart from the rail immediately to permit others to take your place; that you should remain standing in your pew after Mass until the celebrant has left the sanctuary; and that when you receive Communion outside Mass, you should remain at the rail until the priest has given the Blessing.

These are little pointers that reveal a Catholic refinement, and make for good order where many hundreds are involved. See how many you can put to work this Sunday. A part of your Catholic education involves the mastering of these details. Soon, they become a habit. May that day come soon!

Amen To This!

"The older I get, the less I pine for
Things that I have to stand in line for".

Much of the long, waiting-in-line for confession before Sunday Masses can be done away with, if campus residents will utilize the facilities that prevail in every hall both morning and evening throughout the week. This will come as a reasonable request once you recall that 15 priests hear confessions morning and evening in the halls; that 4 class chaplains hear for extended periods of time during the day.

Confessions at the Sunday Masses are intended primarily for Off-Campus residents who find it impossible to come at any other time. It would be a fine show of courtesy on your part to leave this opportunity for them. Who knows, we may never catch them otherwise! And that would be too bad. Don't let it happen here.

If you look sharply, you will notice that there are Catholic newspapers available in the vestibules of Sacred Heart Church, each week. Grab one, take it to the hall, read it, and then pass it on. You'll be amazed at the wealth of information contained in each issue. They'll bring you up to date on a number of topics with which you should be familiar. Even the sports pages are interesting.

Tonight at 6:45, we have the Sorrowful Mother Novena in Sacred Heart Church. Follow the crowd to the church; grab a booklet and join in the prayers. Everyone participates in this Novena. It's a splendid opportunity to cultivate devotion to the Blessed Mother. And it's a brief ceremony, too. You'll be out by 7:20. Try it tonight.

PRAYERS- Deceased: father of Prof. Vincent Smith; father of Jim McCauley, ex-'57.