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IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING YOUR TONGUE, CLIP THE FOLLOWING AND KEEP IT ON YOUR DESK.

I SWEAR BECAUSE:

- It proves I have self-control.
- It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
- It makes my conversation pleasing to everyone.
- It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding, culture, and refinement.
- It impresses others with the fact that I have more than an ordinary education.
- It makes me a much sought after personality in the company of women and children.
- It is my way of honoring the God Who commanded, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, Thy God, in vain."
- AND--it's a strong way to express a weak mind.

● DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, two students have required transfusions totaling ten pints of blood. This has depleted our account at the Blood Bank. Can we have about a dozen volunteers during the next few days?

● A GENERAL SAID IT. "Americans have become physically weak, mentally lazy, and morally lax." The war-time director of our Selective Service System, speaking at Indianapolis on Friday, hinted that Americans seem to prefer luxury to survival!

● TONIGHT AT 8:00, TV and movie critic, Edward Fisher, speaks on "TV and American Culture". Sponsored by, but not restricted to, the Junior Class. Place: 2A Student Center.

● A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OF-TEN ASKED OF THE PRIEST IN THE CONFESSION-AL.....

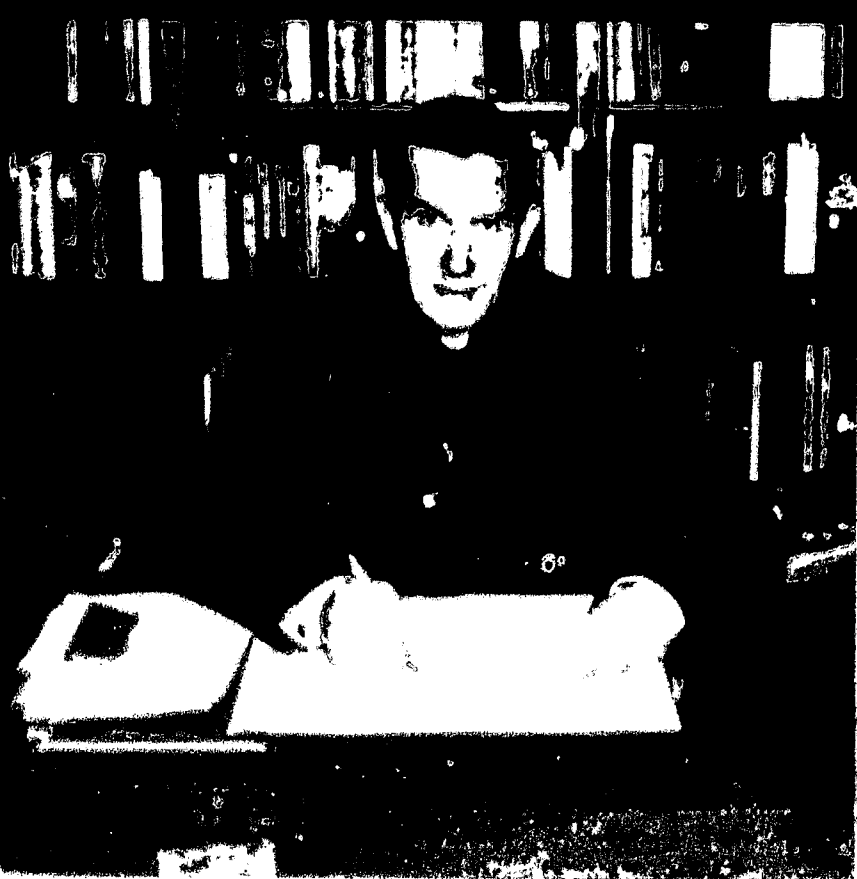
What kind of sin is it to miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day?
To miss Mass through your own fault is a mortal sin.

What kind of sin is it to be late for Mass?

- If, through your own fault, you come into the church—
- 1) anytime before the priest finishes the sermon, you commit a venial sin, unless you stay for this part in another Mass;
 - 2) anytime shortly after the sermon, you commit a mortal sin, unless you stay for another entire Mass.



● PRAYERS. Deceased: Rev. Rocco Faiola, M.A., '60; uncle of J.J. Cunningham, Off-Campus; father of John A. Burns, Off-Campus; uncle of Fred Weigand, of Alumni. Ill: K.B.S. Rama Rao, Off-Campus; Ken Oswald, Off-Campus; Mike Wukitsch of Keenan.



AT A DINNER in New York a few nights ago, Monsignor McCarren of Rockville Centre said a prayer which went, in part, as follows:

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O GOD OF INFINITE WISDOM who dignified human life by granting us freedom and intelligence, thus making us in your own image:

Help us to cultivate intellectual honesty, to recognize self-righteousness and self-interest—in ourselves as well as in others.

Help us to understand——

That education takes place at all times and in all places, not only in youth and not only in school;

That who dares to teach (parent or teacher), must never cease to learn;

That even fools are gloriously right sometimes, and the very greatest men are capable of the very greatest nonsense;

That the key to vision in the future is hard thinking in the present rooted in an appreciation of the accumulated wisdom of the race. (In a true democracy, a vote is always given to the past.)

Help us to remember——

That man has powerful emotions (conscious and unconscious) as well as a far-reaching mind;

That the mind tends to oversimplify and to accept merely plausible explanations which do not really explain;

That fine words and noble language and shibboleths can deceive even the elect;

That intellectual intimidation is a common, effective, but cowardly weapon;

That we should really listen to the views of others, expect honest differences of opinion, and to be slow to impute base motives to those who disagree with us.

Help us to have the courage——

To resist anti-intellectualism, to be confident of the power of intelligence to reach conviction and commitment, to face facts and draw conclusions. As not everything is absolute, neither is everything relative; as not everything is black and white, neither is everything gray;

To recognize bigotry no matter how sophisticated it may be but to be tolerant even of the intolerant. It is easy to be tolerant if one has no personal convictions;

To keep our minds open to evidence and alive to reality—past, present, and future. Creativity is possible no other way;

To avoid the adolescent and patronizing arrogance which would close any door to knowledge and academic freedom—whether it leads to the science of biology or the science of psychiatry, the science of history or the science of anthropology, the science of theology or the science of physics.

Help us to learn the method and the laws of evidence peculiar to each science——

So that we will not mistake the limits of a particular science for the limits of reality;

So that we will not disparage what we do not understand.

Help us to search for, and to discover, the meaning of life—the goal of all our striving——

So that we will have something to live for and something to die for;

So that we will stand for something and not fall for anything;

So that we will work not only to save the world but to make the world worth saving.

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